

SW expanding preschool program

BY BOB DEMAREE

Facing a growing waiting list for preschool students, a decision was made to expand that program at Southwestern schools this year to include a fifth classroom.

Preschool Director Christin Harsin made the announcement at Monday's meeting of the Southwestern Jefferson County Schools board of trustees, not-

ing that with a waiting list of 39 students, the program is adding a fifth classroom.

"We decided to open another class if we can find a teacher and aides to do that, and we have done so," said Superintendent Jeff Bates. Staci Bohman is the new preschool teacher with Mackenzie Hoagland and Kristi Whitham he new preschool

aides, all hired by the board at Monday's meeting.

Harsin said the preschool program started with 17 students in its first year in 2013, but with the additional classroom, the preschool can now serve 80 to 85 students. Prior to adding the fifth classroom, the program's capacity was 72 students in four rooms.

Based on the restrooms locat-

ed near the classrooms, the program could actually enroll up to 147 students in preschool, but classroom size limits lowers that number significantly. Harsin said the number in the new classroom could fluctuate based on the number of 2-1/2 year olds and 3-year olds who enroll. If students are 2-1/2, the limit is 13 students. If students are 3, the

limit is 15 students.

Laura Boldery, Southwestern's chief financial officer, said expenses for the corporation's four preschool classrooms last year — from July 1 to June 30 — were \$365,800.62 while revenue was \$301,817.74 for a difference of \$63,982.88.

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Photos by Taylor Williams

Gail Becraft (left), director of the Nature Center at Carroll County's Camp Kysoc Park, walks with Sylvie Starbreeze (right) and other students and instructors from the Charles McDowell Center for the Blind during the grand opening of the Camp Kysoc Braille Trail in Carrollton.

Carroll's Camp Kysoc opens improved Braille Trail

BY TAYLOR WILLIAMS
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Carroll County's Camp Kysoc Park recently completed upgrades to its self-guided Braille Trail to clear and smooth the walking path and provide better path markers with signage in English text, English Grade 2 braille as well as tactile features.

The project also included developing interactive stations where hikers can experience the park through other senses like touch, hearing and smell. A ribbon cutting was held last Friday in Carrollton.

The first hikers on the new trail were visitors from the Charles W. McDowell Center for the Blind in Louisville. Sylvie Starbreeze, a visually impaired resident of the Center who led a group on the first hike, expressed delight in the facility. "Inclusion isn't as prevelant as it should be in our world ... Having something that's specifically for blind and low vision people is amazing."

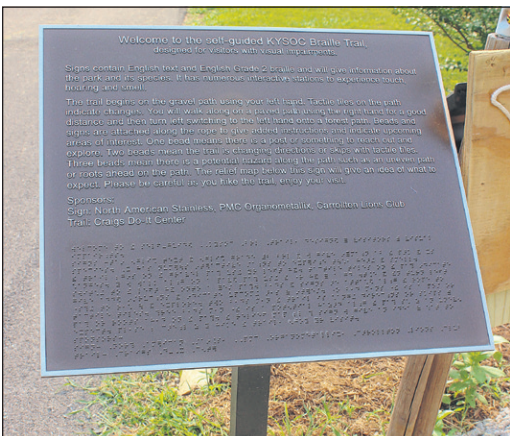
The trail improvements were made possible by dozens of volunteers and supporters including members of the Friends of Camp Kysoc Park, local businesses, companies and organizations.

"What an awesome and



Sylvie Starbreeze, a visually impaired member of the Charles McDowell Center for the Blind, touches and smells a garden along the Camp Kysoc Braille Trail.

humbling experience we witnessed at Camp Kysoc today," Gail Becraft, director of the Nature Center at Camp Kysoc, posted after the event. "Our grand opening of the Braille Trail proved to be nothing less than top notch AMAZING ... Come explore this trail, learn some braille, listen to the birds and feel the gentle breeze. If you'd be willing to help keep the trail in good shape, let me know."



A plaque at the beginning of the Camp Kysoc Park Braille Trail that explains the trail in both English and braille and lists the many sponsors who helped make the project possible.



Charlie Rohlfing

Madison visual and musical artist Beejay Elles is shown.

Elles nurtures creative spark

You know that guy (or gal) in high school who was just always the creative one. He was the one who could draw really well. He did the show flyers and the CD inserts for the local bands. He played in the local bands. He played guitar or bass. Or both! He was also into photography and painting and, heck, he was probably the best one in ceramics class, too. Remember that guy (or gal?) Well, at Madison Consolidated High School some 20 years ago, that

guy was Beejay Elles.

"I'm very much into exploring on my own when it comes to things like art and music," explains Beejay. "I did a lot of painting in my early 20s. I played in a bunch of different bands. I guess there's a creative side to me that just has to be expressed somehow."

Fortunately for the Madison art scene, Beejay never abandoned his creative impulses. He's still creating, still making visual and musical art, and still exploring. His most recent paintings can be seen at Analog Coffee, and he's working on some original guitar music he hopes to record soon.

When I asked Beejay about his roots in the music scene, he painted a very colorful picture.

"Well, I think the first was an indie rock band called the Vicious Tea Cups, that was with Eric Evans and Joe Pietrykowski. We recorded two albums with Dennis O'Neal. Lemme see, I played bass in a Ska band. There was a metal screamo band called DiSalvo ... Joel Storm was in that one. We recorded another album with Dennis as that band.

"In 2006 there was a fun project. A few of us scrounged up some basic recording

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Officer fatally shoots armed man on college campus

FORT WAYNE — A police officer fatally shot an armed man on a northeastern college campus Tuesday after the suspect failed to respond to officers' commands, police said.

The shooting at Purdue University Fort Wayne prompted school officials to close the campus for the remainder of Tuesday in the city about 120 miles northeast of Indianapolis.

Chief Scott Caudill of the Fort Wayne Police Department said the man who was shot was pronounced dead at the scene.

The man's name had not been released by authorities by Tuesday afternoon

and it was unclear whether he was shot by a Fort Wayne officer or a Purdue-Fort Wayne officer.

Messages left Tuesday by The Associated Press seeking additional details from the Fort Wayne police spokesperson were not immediately returned.

Caudill said the DeKalb County Community Corrections office contacted his department about 7:15 a.m. seeking help locating a man who had failed to return to their custody. Minutes later, police learned the suspect might be armed with a handgun and was possibly

on the Purdue-Fort Wayne campus, he said.

Fort Wayne and campus officers found the armed man walking on the campus and approached him, but Caudill said the suspect did not respond to their commands. He said that at 7:48 a.m., officers notified dispatch "that shots had been fired and the subject was struck."

Caudill said Fort Wayne police and Indiana State Police are investigating the shooting along with the Purdue University Fort Wayne Police Department, Allen County prosecutors and the county coroner.

NEWS OF RECORD

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER**

LODGINGS

July 29

Christine Torres, 31, Hanover, to serve 2 days jail, concurrent, on a weekendender sentencing (theft). No bond.

Adam Wayne Rose, 48, Versailles, Indiana, to hold on an arrest warrant for another county for failure to appear. Bond \$300 cash.

Charles M. Nance, 53, Deputy, Indiana, to hold on an arrest warrant for Clark County (driving while suspended). No bond.

Joseph Wayne Hussong, 21, Hanover, on a Jefferson County felony arrest warrant (probation violation). Bond \$2,500 cash.

Jordan C. Hohmann, 28, Bedford, Kentucky, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear. No bond.

Sarah Ann Boese, 40, Holton, Indiana, on a warrant for failure to appear, Bond \$5,000 cash.

July 30

Amber Lynn Watson, 31, Madison, on an unspecified warrant (probation violation). No bond.

Luis Reyes, 27, Hanover, to serve 19 days jail, consecutive, on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.

Trey Allen Long, 29, Versailles, Indiana, on a warrant for probation violation. Bond \$5,000 cash.

July 31, 2024

Damien C. Johnson, 19, no address, for misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Paraphernalia. Released on own recognizance.

Darlene M. Bare, 53, Vevay, Indiana, on Jefferson County and Jay County warrants for probation violation. Bond \$1,000 cash.

Jeremy Lewis Ely, 38, Pendleton, Kentucky, on a parole hold warrant.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT**

SENTENCINGS

July 29

Madison Cheyenne Ruthene Loudon, 20, Butlerville, Indiana, for Operating a Vehicle Without a Valid License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$189.50 in court costs.

Jason A. Workman, 30, Carrollton, Kentucky, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for one day served, 5 actual days to serve and 360 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs and loss of driver's license for 90 days consecutive to refusal.

Timothy Joseph Larrison, 29, Seymour, Indiana, for Driving While Suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, all suspended to non-reporting probation plus \$189.50 in court costs.

Robert Donovan Walter Lowery, 40, Lexington, Indiana, for Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$389 in fees and court costs and State agrees not to revoke pretrial diversion in prior case.

Robin M. Reckers, 42, Hanover, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

July 30

Dustin Michael Nelson, 31, Hanover, to an amended charge of Possession of Legend Drug, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 240 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, served, consecutive to 730 days at IDOC for Intimidation (judge or officer of the court), a Level

5 felony-2 Counts, concurrent, plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

Sterling A. Ogden, 38, Hanover, for Driving While Suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 48 days jail, served, plus \$185 in court costs.

Taylor W. Bledsoe, 33, Bartlett, Tennessee, to an amended charge of Public Indecency, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, fully executed, with credit for 120 days served plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

Darion N. Allen, 32, Lexington, Indiana, for Theft, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 180 days at Indiana department of Correction with credit for 2 days served and 178 days suspended to non-reporting probation plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

Jason Wayne Dannelik Jr., 21, Hanover, to amended charges of Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor and Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail on the Class A misdemeanor, all suspended to supervised probation, consecutive to 2 days jail on the Class B misdemeanor, served, plus \$989.50 in fees and court costs and drier license suspended for 90 days.

Ricky Lynn Manning, 66, Madison, to an amended charge of Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 120 days jail, fully executed, with credit for 80 days served, consecutive to 120 days revoked suspended sentence (resisting law enforcement and public intoxication), with credit for 32 days served, probation terminated as unsuccessful plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

Lisa Marie Roberts, 48, Madison, to an amended charge of Theft, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 360 days at Indiana Department of Correction, all suspended except for 60 days with no credit for time served, and 300 days supervised probation with

revocation of parole for theft and possession of marijuana plus \$589 in fees and court costs.

Cory Eugenio Mendoza, 25, Madison, to an amended charge of Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 540 days at Indiana Department of Correction, all suspended except for 60 days served and placed on 420 days supervised probation with revocation of 361 days probation for resisting law enforcement plus \$639 in fees and court costs with No Contact Order to continue as condition of probation.

July 31

Connor Aaron Deeg, 25, Madison, to an amended charge of Battery Resulting in Moderate Bodily Injury, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 10 days served and 355 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs and \$1,200 restitution to Gayle Freeman with No Contact Order to continue as term of probation.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

July 29

Kelly Ralston and Susan Wehner (estate) to Dylan JH White, 1846 Vanburen Drive, Madison.

Vinod Gupta to J&A Realty LLC, 3260 North Quail Drive, Madison.

Juanita Lewis to Anthony L. Hammock and Lisa G. Hammock, 1807 Orchard Street, Madison.

Leanne K. Lengerinch and Michael Brian Starkey (deceased) to Leanne K. Lengerinch, 31 North Madison Avenue, Hanover.

July 30

Thomas N. Craig and Malvina A. Craig to Abel O. Manring and Danielle N. Manring, two parcels for approximately 53 acres at 10000 West 500 North, Deputy.

Alice Ann Nolley and Cheryl J. Thomas to Chance Cole and Kara Cole, approximately 5 acres at 4267 West State Road 256, Hanover.

Mark E. Gayle to Kaelan J. Jines, approximately 11.3 acres at 8231+ West State Road 250, Deputy.

Richard E. Guffey to Richard D. Brewer and Terri K. Brewer, approximately 7.8 acres at 14000+ West Blake Road, Deputy.

Elaina Freeman to Elaina Freeman, 923 West First Street, Madison.

Carla J. Dicus to Ivan Mitchell, 2445 Clifty Drive, Madison.

Wakefield LLC to Suggett Schmidt Properties LLC, 831 Lanier Drive, Madison.

July 31

Michael G. Love to Adam G. Love, approximately 57.6 acres at 9543 West Deputy Pike Road, Madison.

Ben Flint Sheriff of Jefferson County Indiana, Jefferson County Indiana Sheriff Ben Flint, Sheriff of Jefferson County Indiana Ben Flint and Robert L. Willhoite (deceased) to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, 14209 West Main Street, Deputy.

Ben Flint Sheriff of Jefferson County Indiana, Jefferson County Indiana Sheriff Ben Flint, Sheriff of Jefferson County Indiana Ben Flint and Lynn Ann Coldiron (deceased) to LB-Ranch Properties V, 5944 West State Road 256, Madison.

Sharon Gray to Sharon A. Gray (trustee) and Sharon A. Gray (revocable trust), 410 Broadway Street, Madison.

Chasson R. Voss and Crystal Voss to Marvin D. Lynn and Jewel D. Lynn, 2130 Galway Trail North, Madison.

Michael Anthony Chatham to Sherrye R. Marshall, 309 Mouser Street, Madison.

Louis Lamb to Kyle A. Walker, approximately 4 acres at 15464 West 175 North, Deputy.

Julie Ann Brown ro Shelia Gibson, 114+ West Fifth Street, Madison.

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

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gear and set it up in an old chicken coop up on Merritt Alcorn's property. It was me, Adam Kuhn, Daniel Gruner, Emi Knight was there. It was just creativity for creativity's sake. Purely the joy of making something original and, we thought, beautiful.

"But as often happens, life intervenes. My daughter Maggie was born and I had to focus on family for awhile. But the kids are growing up, and I'm in a place where I can get back into it. I bought a classical guitar a while back and started learning that unique style. And I'm back painting on a regular basis.

"My goal is to do an art show every year, or maybe every other. It takes about that long for me to evolve my style and have something new and fresh to share. Something I really like about little shows like the one at Analog Coffee is they don't have to be particularly cohesive. They can be more wide open and cover a lot of varying styles.

"I really like where my art is these days. I feel like I've found a unique voice, but it's not

static, it's shifting and growing. It motivates me to keep at it. Oh, and me and Eric Evans are working on some new music these days, too. We hope to finish three or four songs and get them recorded very soon. I feel like I'm in a good place in my life, creatively, and there's really no end to what I think I can express and share."

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

Every year it comes around, and every year I tell you in this section that there's a Saturday event coming up that is Must-Attend on the Madison social calendar. I'm speaking, of course, about the Annual Toga Party at Thomas Family Winery, with music by the ever popular rockabilly swing group, Slick River Rockets. Never before in history have so many innocent white bed sheets given their all to be folded and contorted into glorious makeshift togas! Just drape some white cloth over your shoulders, belt it with a rope or sash, and join the party. The Thomas Family Toga Party is THE quintessential Madison hometown party, and out of towners are welcome too, of course. The other show that merits your attention is on Friday night, in Acree Alley next to Thomas Family. Electric Blue Yonder

WEATHER

Sunrise: 6:43 a.m.
Sunset: 8:52 p.m.
Temperature: High 89, Low 71, Mean 80.0, Excess 5.6
Precipitation since last published: .42
Precipitation, July 2024: 5.25
Precipitation, 2024: 24.48
Barometer: 29.99, Falling
River Level at Clifty Creek: 422.08, Steady
Forecast: Saturday: Showers High 88/Low 66; Sunday: Sunny High 90/Low 66; Monday: Mostly sunny High 91/Low 68; Tuesday: Mostly sunny High 89/Low 66.

LOTTERY

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 13-18-22-24-27-29 (7/31). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$18.7 million. Next Drawing (8/3).
Cash Five: 11-13-21-30-45 (7/31).
Cash 4 Life: 25-27-49-52-54 CB: 2 (7/31)

KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: 3-7-10-29 CB 3 (7/31)
Kentucky 5 Extra: 5-6-12-13-33 (7/31)
Lucky For Life: 10-16-20-31-44 LB: 12 (7/31)

MEGAMILLIONS
19-23-30-33-50 MB: 25, MP 2 (7/30). Next Jackpot: \$358 million. Next Drawing (8/2)

POWERBALL
23-34-37-50-58 PB: 7, PP 2 (7/31). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$171 million. Next Drawing (8/3)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY
10-24-41-48-61 PB: 9 (7/31). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (8/3)

bills themselves as an "American Space Folk Band" and it's sure to be trippy, original, and totally fun. If you've never been to an Acree Alley show, it's something completely small town and unique in its own right. So very Indiana's Music City!

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday Aug. 2

Acree Alley — Electric Blue Yonder (7 p.m.)

RiverTown Grill — Keith Swinney

Broadway Fountain — Live Lunch (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.)

Tailgators Bar and Grill — Patriotic Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

The Central — Killin' Smalls (10 p.m.-2 a.m.)

The Lighthouse — DJ Nate Adams (7-11 p.m.)

Saturday Aug. 3

Rivertown Grill — Matt Red Moore

The Central — Jimmy Davis

The Drake — Michael Trapp Trio

Thomas Family Winery — Toga Party! Slick River Rockets (8 p.m.)

The Lighthouse- Mad Tones (7-11 p.m.)

VFW — The Mood Band (8 p.m.-Midnight)

Red Roaster — Creedence Cooper and Hardly Knowers (8 p.m.)

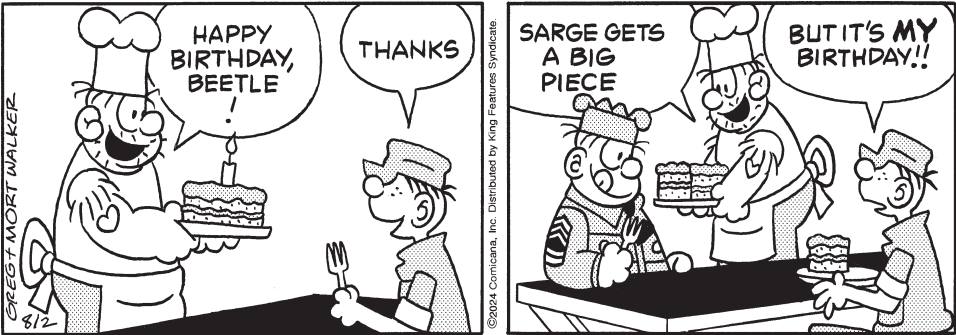
Fairgrounds — For the love of Bluegrass (& Gospel & Country) 2 p.m.)

Tailgators — Silverwings (8 p.m.-Midnight)

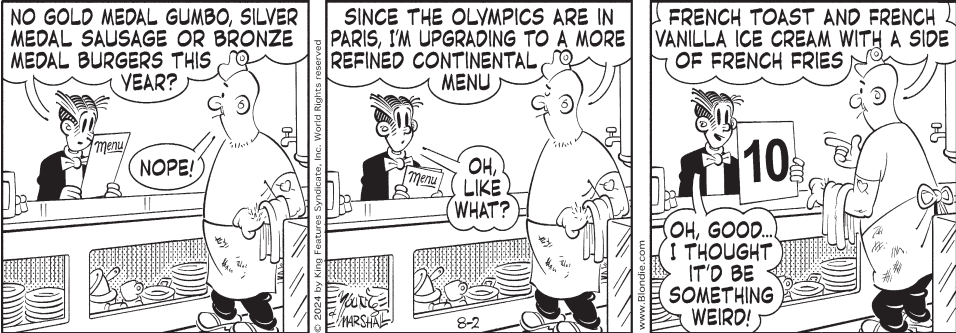
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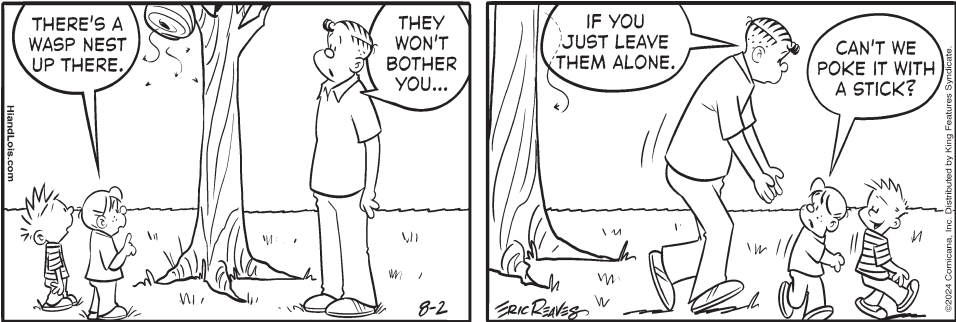
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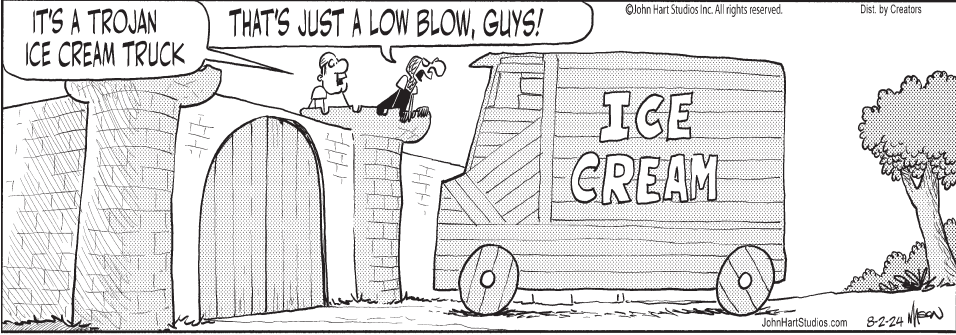
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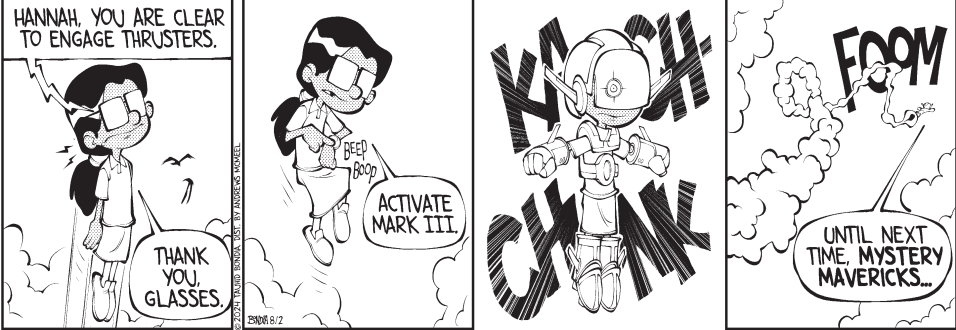
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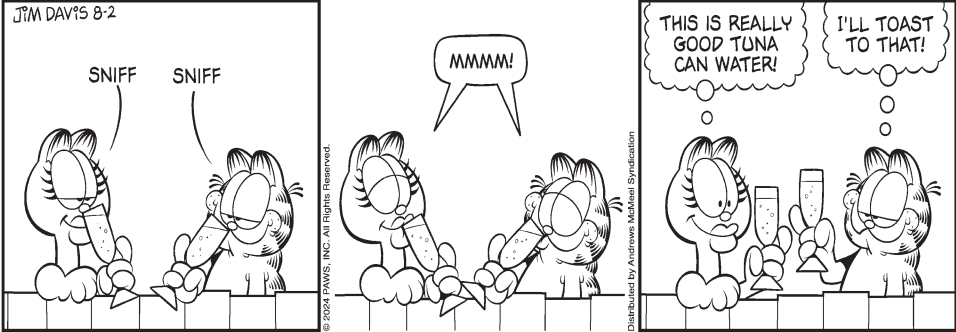
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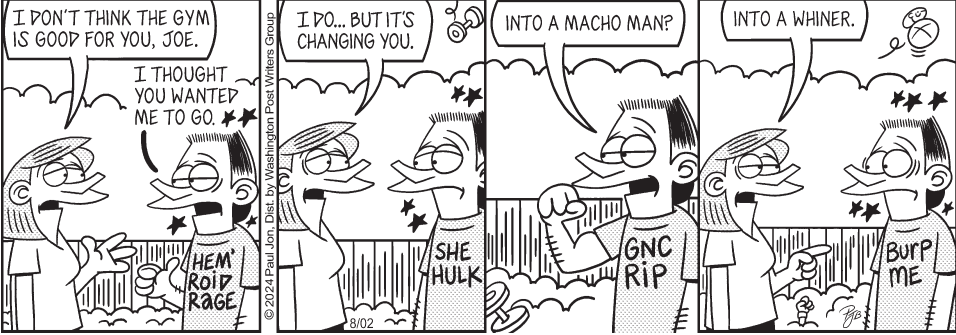
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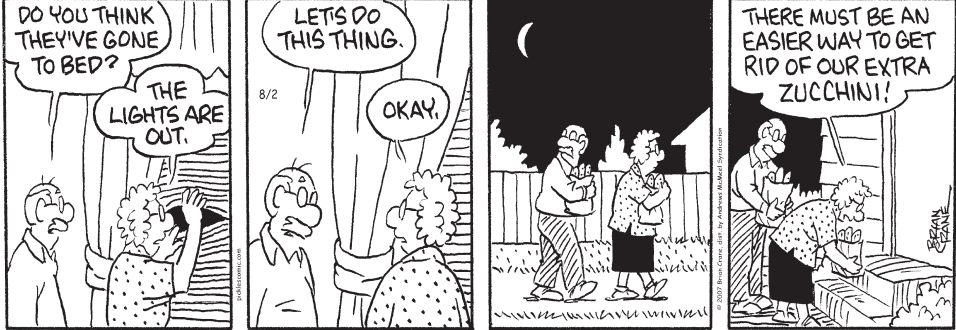
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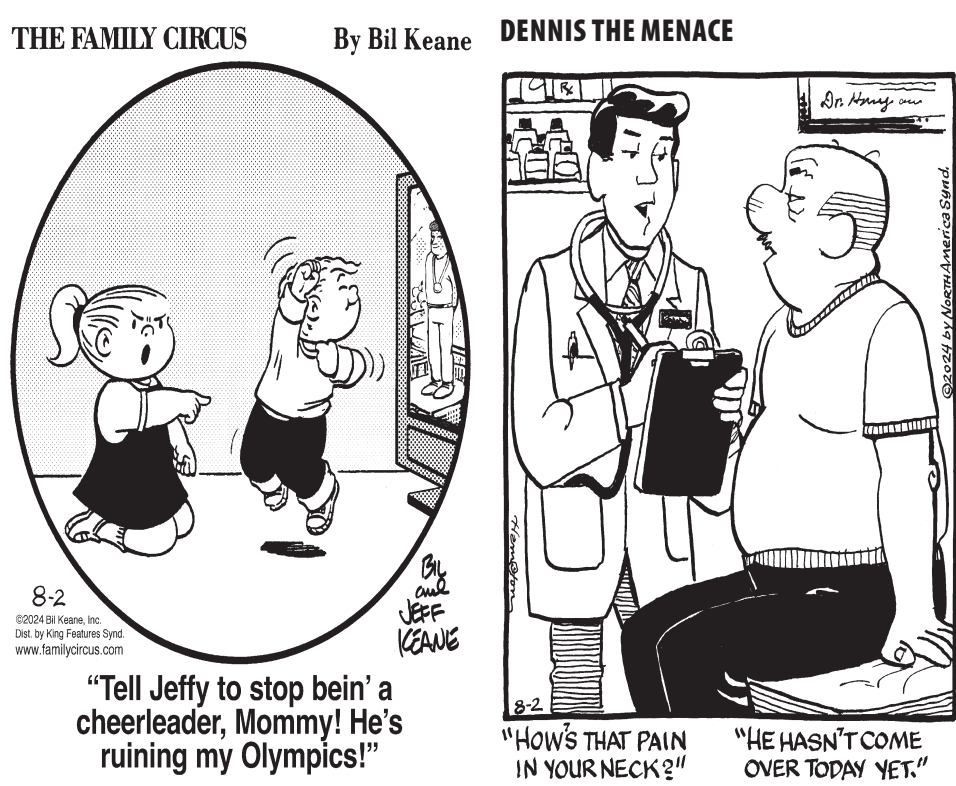
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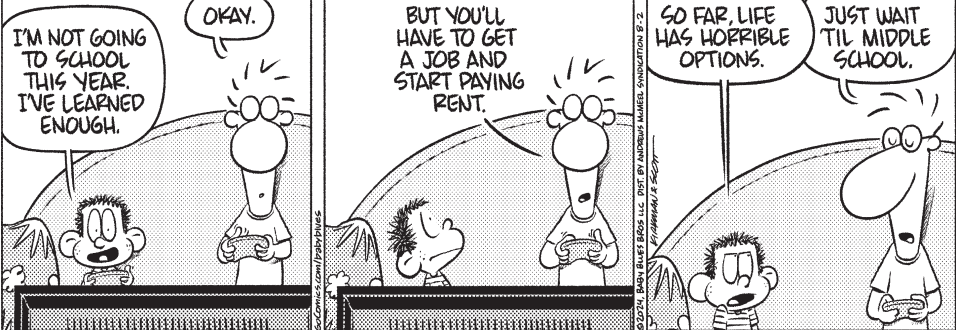
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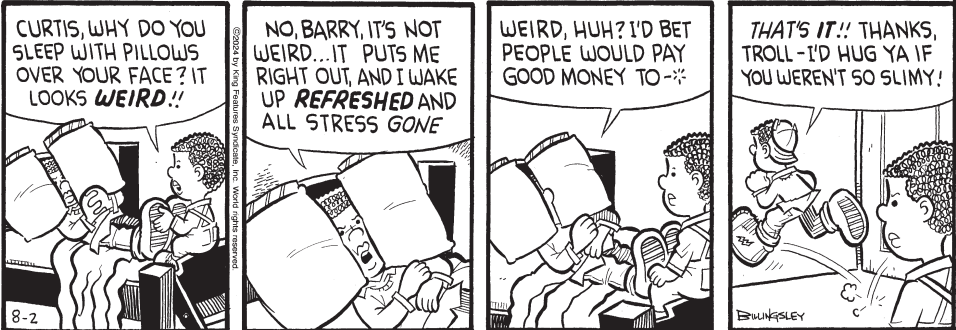
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today in history:
On Aug. 2, 1921, a jury in Chicago acquitted several former members of the Chicago White Sox baseball team and two others of conspiring to defraud the public in the notorious "Black Sox" scandal (though they would be banned from Major League Baseball for life by Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis).
Also on this date:
In 1776, members of the Second Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.
In 1790, the first United States Census was conducted under the supervision of Thomas Jefferson; a total of 3,929,214 U.S. residents were counted.
In 1873, inventor Andrew S. Hallidie successfully tested a cable car he had designed for the city of San Francisco.
In 1876, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory, by Jack McCall, who was later hanged.

On Aug. 2, 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in San Francisco; Vice President Calvin Coolidge became president.
In 1934, German President Paul von Hindenburg died, paving the way for Adolf Hitler's complete takeover.
In 1939, Albert Einstein signed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt urging creation of an atomic weapons research program.
In 1945, President Harry S. Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and Britain's new prime minister, Clement Attlee, concluded the Potsdam conference.
In 1974, former White House counsel John W. Dean III was sentenced to one to four years in prison for obstruction of justice in the Watergate cover-up. (Dean ended up serving four months.)
In 1985, 137 people were killed when Delta Air Lines Flight 191, a Lockheed L-1011 Tristar, crashed while attempting to land at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate. (The Iraqis were later driven out by the U.S. in Operation Desert Storm.)
In 2018, Pope Francis decreed that the death penalty is "inadmissible" under all circumstances and the Catholic Church should campaign to abolish it.

Today's Birthdays: Rock musician Garth Hudson (The Band) is 87. Author Isabel Allende is 82. Singer Kathy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 81. Actor Butch Patrick (TV: "The Munsters") is 71. Rock music producer/drummer Butch Vig is 69. Actor Mary-Louise Parker is 60. Writer-actor-director Kevin Smith is 54. Actor Sam Worthington is 48. Actor Edward Furlong is 47. TV meteorologist Dylan Dreyer (TV: "Today") is 43. Actor Lily Gladstone is 38. WNBA point guard Skylar Diggins-Smith is 34. Singer Charli XCX is 32. Olympic swimming gold medalist Simone Manuel is 28.

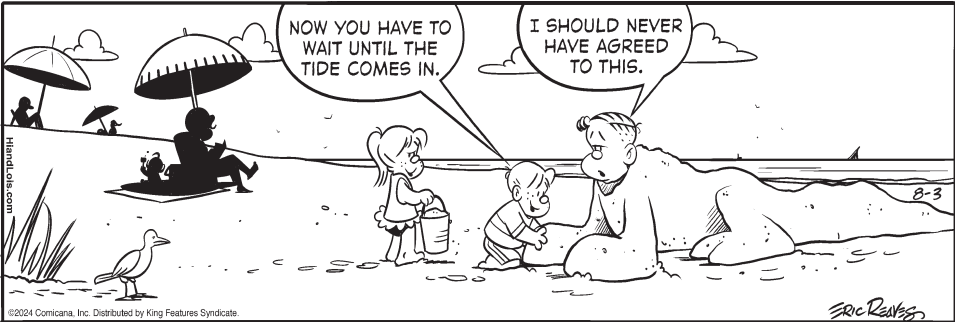
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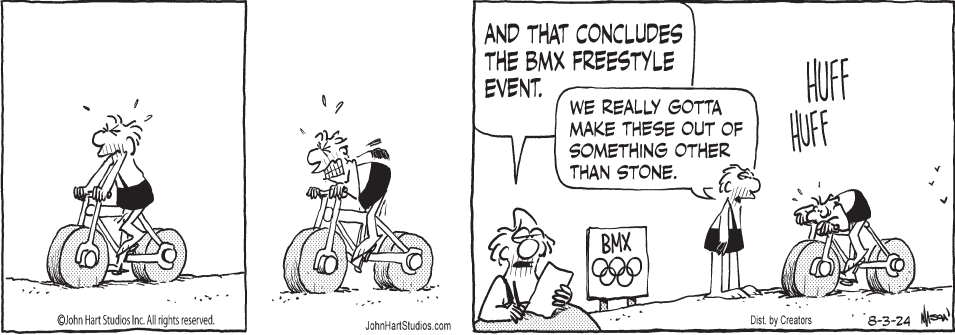
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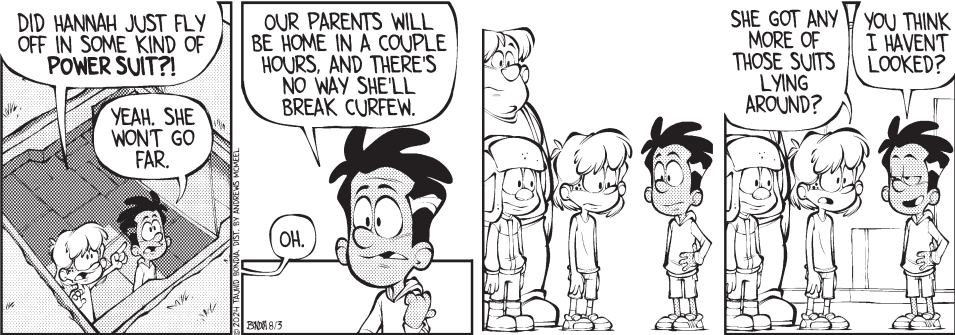
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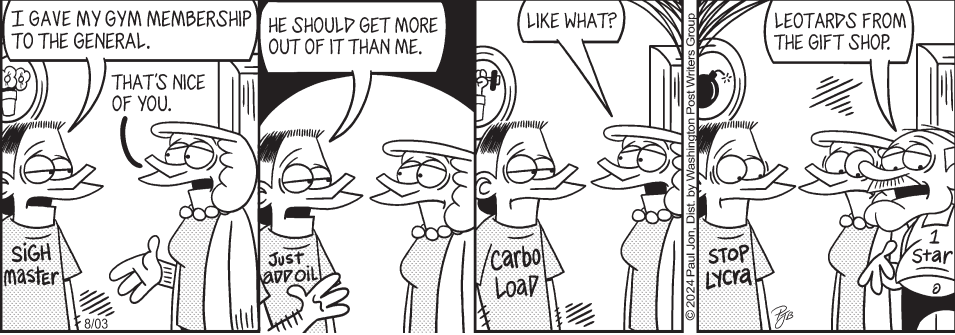
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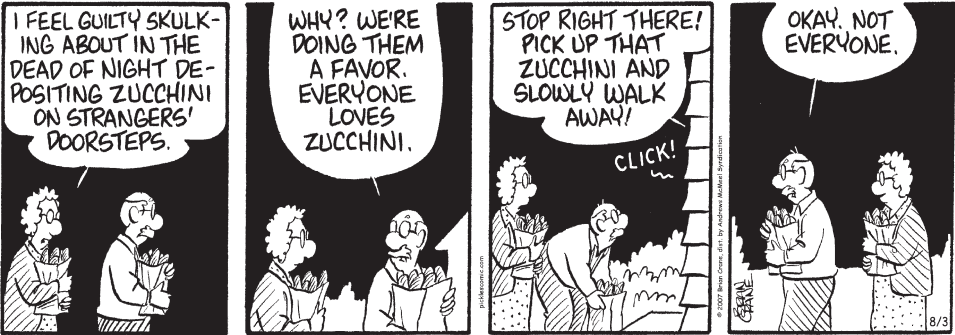
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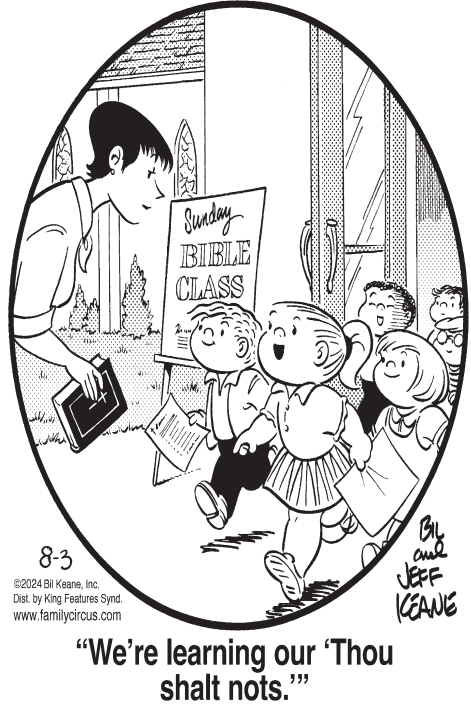
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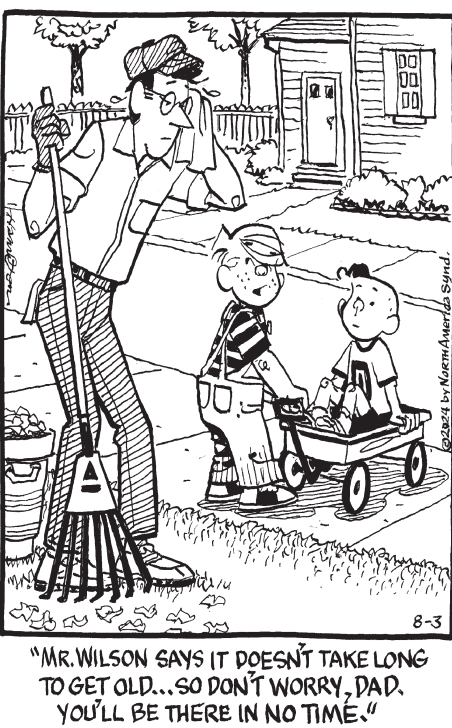
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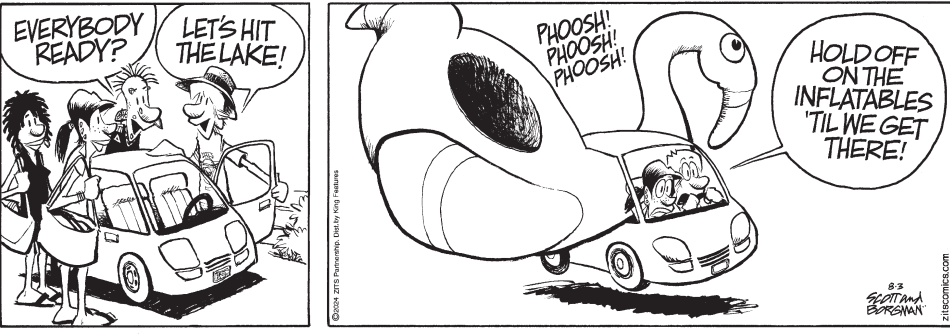
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today in history:

On Aug. 3, 2019, a gunman opened fire at a Walmart store in El Paso, Texas, resulting in the deaths of 23 people; after surrendering, the gunman told detectives he targeted “Mexicans” and had outlined the plot in a screed published online shortly before the attack.

Also on this date:

In 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, on his first voyage that took him to the present-day Americas.

In 1852, in America’s first intercollegiate sporting event, Harvard rowed past Yale to win the first Harvard-Yale Regatta.

In 1916, Irish-born British diplomat Roger Casement, a strong advocate of independence for Ireland, was hanged for treason.

In 1936, Jesse Owens of the United States won the first of his four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics as he took the 100-meter sprint.

In 1972, the U.S. Senate ratified the Anti-Ballistic

Missile Treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union.

In 1977, the Tandy Corporation introduced the TRS-80, one of the first widely-available home computers.

In 1981, U.S. air traffic controllers went on strike, seeking pay and workplace improvements (two days later, President Ronald Reagan fired the 11,345 striking union members and barred them from federal employment).

In 2004, the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty opened to visitors for the first time since the 9/11 attacks.

In 2018, Las Vegas police said they were closing their investigation into the Oct. 1, 2017 shooting that left 58 people dead at a country music festival without a definitive answer for why Stephen Paddock unleashed gunfire from a hotel suite onto the concert crowd.

In 2021, New York’s state attorney general said an investigation into Gov. Andrew Cuomo found that he had sexually harassed

multiple current and former state government employees; the report brought increased pressure on Cuomo to resign, including pressure from President Joe Biden and other Democrats. (Cuomo resigned a week later.)

Today’s Birthdays:

Football Hall of Fame coach Marv Levy is 99. Actor Martin Sheen is 84. Football Hall of Famer Lance Alworth is 84. Lifestyle guru Martha Stewart is 83. Film director John Landis is 74. Actor JoMarie Payton (TV: “Family Matters”) is 74. Actor Jay North (TV: “Dennis the Menace”) is 73. Hockey Hall of Famer Marcel Dionne is 73. Actor John C. McGinley is 65. Rock singer/guitarist James Hetfield (Metallica) is 61. Actor Lisa Ann Walter (TV: “Abbott Elementary”) is 61. Rock musician Stephen Carpenter (Deftones) is 54. Hip-hop artist Spinderella (Salt-N-Pepa) is 54. Former NFL quarterback Tom Brady is 47. Actor Evangeline Lilly is 45. Olympic swimming gold medalist Ryan Lochte is 40. Model Karlie Kloss is 32.

ENGINEERING AUTONOMY

Driverless cars bring university students to Kentucky Speedway, Madison

BY BOB DEMAREE

SPARTA, KY.

It's been 13 years since the last IndyCar race — and four years since any sanctioned event — at Kentucky Speedway, but for the month of August race cars will be back on the 1.5-mile track, but only for testing, and none of the cars will have drivers.

Student teams from university graduate schools are at the speedway this month preparing for the Indy Autonomous Challenge (IAC) event on Sept. 6 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and many of them are staying in Madison hotels. A total of 10 cars from nine teams and approximately 250 graduate students will be coming and going at the speedway and Madison at different times throughout the month.

The driverless competition involves university teams working with modified versions of the Dallara Indy NXT chassis that have cockpits retrofitted with hardware and controls enabling them to operation autonomously — without a driver.

The autonomous driving challenge invites Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) students to compete at creating software that performs best on a high-speed race track. At the same time, the research also addresses real-world scenarios that occur only at extreme operating parameters, such as avoiding unanticipated obstacles at high speeds while maintaining vehicular control.

Dan Williams, professor of Engineering Practice for Purdue's School of Mechanical Engineering, is serving faculty advisor for the Purdue University team. He said the challenge provides students the opportunity to implement theories learned in the classroom in real world situations.

"In graduate school, it's a really good opportunity for students" to expand on what they've learned in the classroom. "We have a great engineering school so they get exposed to lots of amazing and exciting theory, and this is a chance to use it."

Andres Hoyos, a Purdue civil engineering graduate student who is involved in the project, noted the students can remotely monitor how Purdue's car is being operated from speed to how well the car is performing and how safe it is being operated.

Marc Ferlet, director of marketing for the Indy Autonomous Challenge, said IndyCars are great partners for the project, adding that motorsports allows students to "push the vehicles to very, very high speeds where we can find cases where they break in a safe, reliable and reputable way."

Having the teams involved in a competition provides extra motivation. "You have smart people from around the world trying to find out who's the smartest" while competing on a track where they can go fast to find out the unknowns in debugging autonomous operation of the cars. "You can't really find out what a problem is until you've pushed something past" what it has been able to do previously.

Ferlet said the exercise sets the stage for possible innovations that could lead to greater safety in other types of vehicles from "protecting you in case you veer off the road or detecting an obstacle before the human eye does, and getting out of the way." He said while the teams are competing, information is being shared between teams and with sponsors



Photos/Bob Demaree

The Autonomous Tiger Racing was on track at Kentucky Speedway on Tuesday, being tested on how well the car reacts to stop commands by Auburn University students. "Being able to stop the car and having the car react to stop commands is pretty awesome, especially at high speeds," said team lead Stephanie Meyer, noting that if it's not done correctly, the car will lock up the brakes and start to skid, becoming unstable and possibly causing it to crash.



Durgakant Pushp (left), technical lead and manager of the Indiana University team, talks with Marc Ferlet, director of marketing for the Indy Autonomous Challenge, during testing at the Kentucky Speedway on Tuesday.

to creating the most fertile situation for advancement and breakthroughs.

Working with autonomous race cars also prepares students for their future careers. "It's getting them to work on cutting edge projects hands-on and benefit from this in their professional experience," Ferlet said. "It's become a big talent pipeline" for companies doing research in related fields.

"This is very state-of-art research," said Hoyos. "I would like to continue trying to look for ways to improve autonomous transportation. It's not just about racing but concepts and research here can be extrapolated to other transportation systems."

Ferlet said awareness of that is also pertinent to high school students who might have an interest in robotics. "If they want to work in robotics, there's a possibility of doing it," and also opportunities for them to learn and have experiences to help them get there.

Indiana University is the newest team in autonomous racing — now in just its third week with the car — but the IU team comes from the Luddy School of Informatics, Computing and Engineering and developed by the Vehicle Autonomy and Intelligence Lab, a state-of-the-art robotics research team that focuses on enhancing the autonomy and intelligence of robotic systems such as unmanned ground, aerial and aquatic vehicles.

Durgakant Pushp, technical lead and manager of the IU team, said participating with the Indy Autonomous Challenge "is a good chance to see how far we can push the limit of autonomy especially at high speeds," which the students have not done previously. "In the lab, it's a very controlled environment" but now they are learning from real world situations.

"The gap between simulation and the real world is huge," he said. "This is good for learning, this is also good for research

when we reach to a point where can try to introduce new methods" as the students continue to evolve. "For this year, our goal is just to understand the system, make sure we are slowly moving and having an autonomous car on the track, and next race try to be more ambitious."

The roster of universities involved also includes Auburn, California-Berkeley, Michigan State, Hawaii and Carnegie Mellon, along with university students from Italy and Korea and more.

Kentucky Speedway has been inactive since 2020 — the most recent race at the multi-million track was a NASCAR Cup series event on July 12, 2020 — and Ferlet said having the race cars buzzing the track has not gone unnoticed.

"Locals have been coming and saying they're happy to see someone using it, happy to see cars running on it," he said. "They're not sure what's going on with no driver inside, but they're happy to see it being used."

Ferlet said the state of the art facility located just off I-71 an hour north of Louisville, 40 minutes south of Cincinnati and 35 minutes east of Madison works out well for the university teams — especially those staying in Madison.

"We found this track and we found the most beautiful small town in the Midwest right next to it," he said of those commuting from Madison.



Members of the Autonomous Tiger Racing from Auburn University position their car on pit road after testing Tuesday at Kentucky Speedway. Pictured (from left) are team lead Stephanie Meyer, student Blair Kang and graduate research assistant Bryce Karlins.



Students from Indiana University were working at the controls for their car on pit road at Kentucky Speedway. Indiana University is the newest team to participate in the Indy Autonomous Challenge, announcing its involvement in the program last fall.



Graduate student Ashley Shaffer and faculty advisor Dan Williams work with the controls of Purdue's car on Tuesday in the Kentucky Speedway garage area as they prepare for the Indy Autonomous Challenge event Sept. 6 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.



Left: Students from the Purdue University team review data on computers in the garage while working with the controls for their car. Pictured are (from left) graduate students Harshvardhan Patil, Andres Hoyos and Ashley Shaffer and Dan Williams, faculty advisor for the Purdue team. The Black & Gold Autonomous Racing has participated in the program since 2021.

Missing woman located

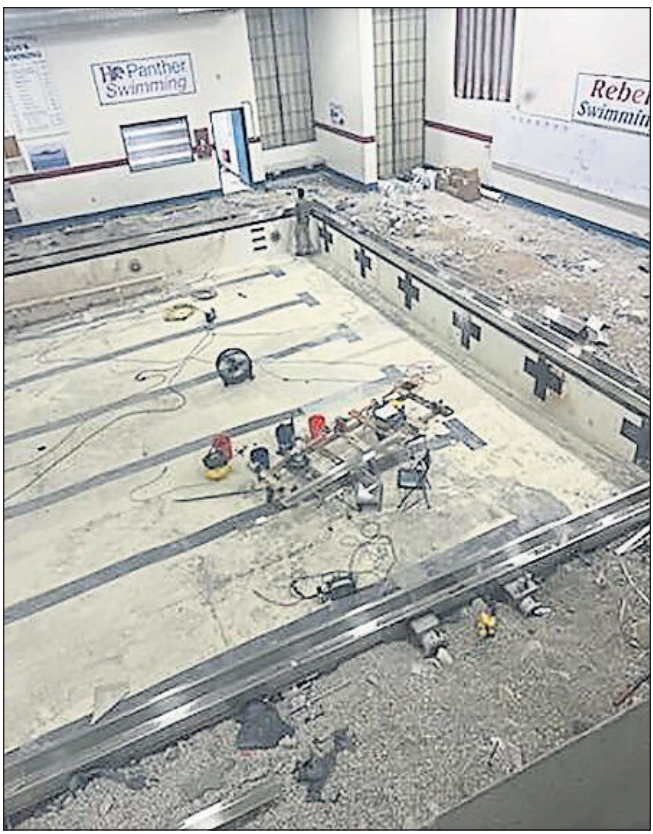
BY THE COURIER STAFF
The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department confirmed Thursday that a 26-year-old Madison woman who was reported as missing by her family recently has been located. Authorities had ask for the public assistance in

locating Emily Proctor or information on her whereabouts earlier this week after family members said she had not been seen or made contact since July 15 and had disappeared without any of her belongings. No details were provide on how, when or where Proctor

was located or what led to her more than two week disappearance other than she was found and is OK. "She was found (Wednesday) and she is alive and well," said Chief Deputy Laura Pickel of the Jefferson Counry Sheriff's Department.

Southwestern pool upgrade to be complete by mid-September

BY BOB DEMAREE
Work to refurbish the Southwestern High School pool complex won't be completed by the start of classes next week but it should be done by the middle of September. Swim coach/instructor Shelly Anderson-Hamilton said new gutters are currently being installed by American Leak Detection, the company that was contracted for the work by Southwestern Jefferson County School Corporation. Other work to still be done includes pouring concrete, the new floor, installing starting blocks and new pumps.



Handout
A picture from earlier this summer of work to refurbish the Southwestern High School pool. Expected to be done by the start of school, delays will push the completion date of the \$1 million project closer to mid-September.

The project, originally anticipated to be completed in August, was delayed pending Department of Homeland Security approvals. "It took a little while to get the plans approved," said Jay Crawford, who coaches both the Southwestern and the Hanover College swim teams at the facility. "It sat a little longer than everybody had hoped for" but the project seems to now be moving along well.

Hamilton said the delay shouldn't impact the Southwestern swim team which officially starts practice at the end of October. Crawford said Hanover College's swim team typically begins practice in the middle of September so there's a chance that the Panthers might be impacted depending on the timing of completion. "As long as they're done in the time frame they're thinking, it really shouldn't affect us. If it goes much past that then it will get into the first week or two of our practice schedule."

Upgrading the pool is an approximately \$1 million project of which \$650,000 will be covered by the Bethany Legacy Foundation with the remainder paid by Southwestern Jefferson County School Corporation. Although the new pool will be located in the same building, the project included replacing the pool, deck and other facilities inside that structure.

The previous pool was constructed in 1975 when the school was rebuilt following the April 4, 1974 tornado that destroyed the school building. There have been numerous issues with the pool in recent years leading to the decision to totally refurbish the facility. After completion of the swim season last March, the pool was demolished to

be replaced with new concrete, electric, plumbing and pumps.

"We're super excited" about the new pool, Crawford said.

At Monday's meeting of the Southwestern Jefferson County School Corporation board of trustees, the decision was made to purchase portable rather than permanent bleachers for the facility.

The board approved a \$14,285.71 contract with National Recreation System of Fort Wayne for portable bleachers. There were also two different quotes from Hussey Seating Company of North Berwick, Maine, for permanent bleachers at a cost difference reflected by different materials and equipment — one at \$39,400 and the other at \$40,800.

While the cost difference was significant, Superintendent Jeff Bates noted that portable bleachers are preferred by school staff "so we can move them to wherever we need them."

Bates said the old bleachers actually could have been repaired but buying new ones made more sense due to the cost of doing repairs. "We could have got them sandblasted and redone" but the firm to do that was in Indianapolis. "We would have had to ship them up there," which would have cost \$10,000 for shipping and sandblasting, and they would have needed more work beyond that.

In other business related to the schools, the board:

- Awarded a \$13,815 contract to Circle R Mechanical Contractor to replace a defective heating coil at the middle school. "This is an emergency that needs to be ordered," said Laura Boldery, chief financial officer, to ensure classrooms will be warm during the winter months.

The supplier for Trane Company indicated that the part is no longer available, and a quote to replace the entire unit is \$180,000 and will require 22 weeks to build. She said Circle R is able to build the part and replace, a task that can be accomplished in 45 days, which would be in time for the cooler months.

Boldery said Roger Bickers, the school corporation's maintenance director, said the unit is "getting very old and if we need more parts, it's going to be very hard to find. Sometime in the near future, maybe in the 2025 budget, we need to take care of replacing it, but for now because we need the heat" the best option is to make repairs for this winter.

- Awarded a \$8,556 contract to Scottsburg Glass for new outside doors for a shipping and receiving room at the elementary school in space that had previously been an art room. Other quotes were from Kenny Glass for \$9,134 and Glass Unlimited for \$16,862.

Wind damage



Courtesy Jennifer Willhoite
A Carroll County Road Department crew works to saw and remove a tree that was toppled on the Carroll County Courthouse Square in Carrollton by high wind during Wednesday's thunderstorm.

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MADISON COURIER BOYS GOLFER OF THE YEAR

True’s steady play powers Madison back to state finals

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Walking down the 18th fairway at the regional in June, Landon True knew that his team needed him to come through. Madison had not advanced out of the regional to the state finals since 2018 and the Cubs needed a strong finish by their leader to break through.

True didn’t disappoint. The junior sank a long putt on 18 for par and finished his round with an even-72 to lift Madison past Shelbyville by two strokes for the third and final state qualifying spot.

“I had a couple of long putts coming down the stretch that I knew were huge. And I pulled out the fist pump a couple of times,” True said with a smile. “It was fun coming down on the 18th and seeing everybody up there and to get us there was cool. It was a cool moment.”

True was just one piece of an impressive quintet for Madison but it was owing to his position as the Cubs’ No. 1 that makes him the Madison Courier Boys Golfer of the Year for the second time in the past three years. He shared the award with teammate Henry Ashley as a freshman and Ashley won the award last year.

True has been the Cubs’ steady influence all season, leading a Madison squad that was ranked in the top 20 statewide for much of the season.

True shot a 73 at the sectional — one stroke back of Ashley for second place — as Madison won its second-straight sectional crown and his 72 at the regional was tops on the team and good for fifth overall in a loaded field.

True didn’t fare as well in the state finals in Carmel — no Madison golfer did — but as far as the junior was concerned, by then the



Nina Campbell

Madison Consolidated High School junior Landon True is the Madison Courier Boys Golfer of the Year.

Cubs were playing with house money.

“It wasn’t as stressful as the regional or sectional. I mean (getting there) was our goal,” said True, who shot a 22-over 166 over the two state finals rounds. “So we just went in there stress free, just had fun and enjoyed the experience.”

True is accustomed to having success on the golf course. Last summer, he won four tournaments and earned player of the year honors on the Indiana Junior Tour. This summer he has played

only two events on the junior circuit but has been busy playing elsewhere.

The one calling card of this Madison team was its closeness. True said members of the squad are truly friends and that made for one of his most enjoyable seasons playing the sport.

“We’ve been friends for a while,” True said. “It’s hard not to be good friends on the same team.”

True has big plans for the future. He wants to play in college and would love to return to the state finals as a senior, but as

the Cubs’ only returning player, he knows the team may struggle at times.

He’s ready for that challenge and what lies ahead.

“I don’t really have a (college) in mind yet but I do have a couple of coaches that have looked at me. After the summer, I’ll try to narrow down some options,” True said. “We’ll have a whole new look next year. It’ll just be fun thinking of the younger kids getting to come up and get a look at the high school golf.”

| MADISON COURIER BOYS GOLF ALL-COURIERAREA TEAM | |
|--|-----|
| Name, School | Cl. |
| Landon True, Madison * | Jr. |
| Henry Ashley, Madison | Jr. |
| Luke Barron, Madison | Sr. |
| Clayton Benkert, Madison | Sr. |
| Evan Bosaw, Switzerland Co.. | Sr. |
| Braxton Lewis, Southwestern So. | |
| Jayce Sharp, Madison | Sr. |
| Jackson Taylor, Southwestern | Sr. |
| * Player of the Year | |

Trimble boys and girls golf competes at Sugar Bay

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Boys and girls golf teams at Trimble County competed in the German American Classic at Sugar Bay Golf Course in Warsaw, Kentucky, on Wednesday.

The boys team placed fifth with a score of 354. Dylan Penick led the way with an 82, Collin Stark carded an 84, Case Keeton a 93, Liam Taylor a 95 and Noah Chilton a 120.

The girls did not post a team score but Kendal Holbrook shot an 89 and Alanna Washington had a 92 as both earned all-tournament honors. Kynlee McIntyre added a 116.

Trimble’s girls returned to action Thursday at home against Walton-Verona and host Gallatin County on Tuesday. Trimble’s boys host Owen on Wednesday.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

- FRIDAY, AUG. 2**

SOCCER

Carroll Co. boys at Boone Co. (scrimmage), 10:30 a.m.
- SATURDAY, AUG. 3**

No local events
- SUNDAY, AUG. 4**

No local events
- MONDAY, AUG. 5**

GOLF

Madison girls, Bloomington South Invite, 9 a.m.
- TUESDAY, AUG. 6**

GOLF

Madison girls, Seymour Invite, 9 a.m.
Trimble Co. girls host Gallatin Co., 4 p.m.

Tate, Goodman take points lead into Seattle

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Andrew Tate saw his win streak snapped at two last weekend in the Tri-Cities, but the U-91 Goodman Real Estate/Miss Madison driver still takes a nearly 1,000-point lead in the season points standings into this weekend’s H1 Unlimited Apollo Cup in Seattle.

Tate holds a 931-point lead over Corey Peabody and the U-9 Beacon Plumbing in the National High Points standings with two races left in the season. Dustin Echols and the U-40 Flav-R-Pac sits a distant third, 1,679 points back.

Tate built his large lead on the strength of wins in the series’ first two races, at Guntersville Lake in Alabama in late June, and on the Ohio River at Madison on Fourth of July weekend. Tate won all three preliminary heats on the Columbia River at Tri-Cities last weekend, but finished second in the final heat to Peabody.

Tate enters the Seattle race with plenty of incentive to claim victory. The site is the home course for sponsor Goodman Real Estate, which is holding a huge party for all of its employees hoping to cheer on a win.

Tate has not won in Seattle since 2018, the year he claimed victories at five of the six races on the circuit to seize the series points title for the U-9 Delta/Realtrac. Miss Madison Racing last won in Seattle in 2022 with Jimmy Shane driving the Miss HomeStreet Bank. Overall, Miss Madison Racing has a total of six wins on the two-mile Lake Washington course.

J. Michael Kelly won last year’s race at Seattle, which was also the APBA Gold Cup. Kelly out-dueled Tate in the final heat to pick up the win and secure his first-ever National High Points championship and second driver’s title.

Kelly will be back to defend his title but he will be among three drivers who will be piloting repaired boats. Kelly’s U-1 Beacon Electric crashed in the first heat at Tri-Cities last Saturday and was forced to withdraw. The team says it will be ready for Seattle.

Two other boats, the U-12 Graham Trucking with Bobby King aboard, and the U-27 Miss Apollo with Dave Villwock, collided and also suffered serious damage in the race but are expected to be ready to run. King’s Graham Trucking was damaged when it went airborne after driving through another boat’s roostertail and took on more damage when Villwock’s Miss Apollo ran over the right sponson while unable to avoid the aftermath.

Villwock, like Tate, will have extra incentive to win the Seattle race since his boat sponsor is also sponsoring the race. Villwock’s 67 career wins are the most of any driver all-time and last week he became the oldest person to ever win an Unlimited heat when he claimed Heat 1A at age 70.

A total of eight Unlimited hydroplanes are expected to make up the field. Also expecting to compete are Jamie Nilsen and the U-11 Miss Mercurys Coffee and Gunnar



Taylor Owen

Miss Madison driver Andrew Tate gets a hug coming off the dock in Madison after scoring back-to-back wins at the Southern Cup at Guntersville and the Indiana Governor’s Cup in Madison to start the 2024 season. After finishing second last weekend at the Columbia Cup in Tri-Cities, Tate will look to get back on a winning track this weekend at the Appollo Cup in Seattle, the home race of sponsor Goodman Real Estate.

| WEEKEND SCHEDULE APOLLO CUP AT SEFAIR Lake Washington, Seattle (All times EDT) | |
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| Friday, Aug. 2 Noon-1:35 p.m. — Testing 2:40-4 p.m. — H1 Unlimited Qualifying | 3:30 p.m. — Heat 1A 3:50 p.m. — Heat 1B 5:40 p.m. — Heat 2A 6 p.m. — Heat 2B |
| Saturday, Aug. 3 Noon-1:20 p.m. — Testing | Sunday, Aug. 4 Noon-1 p.m. — Testing 1:20-1:55 p.m. — Testing 3:30 p.m. — Heat 3A 3:50 p.m. — Heat 3B 5:45 p.m. — Final Heat |

O’Farrell and the U-35 Boitano Homes.

Testing and qualifying for the race will be on Friday with the first two sets of preliminary heats to be run on Saturday and the remaining preliminaries and winner-take-all final on Sunday.

Biles, Team USA earn Olympic gold

BY WILL GRAVES
AP NATIONAL WRITER

PARIS — Simone Biles, Jordan Chiles and Sunisa Lee spent the night before perhaps the biggest gymnastics meet of their lives restless.

There was a tension in the air. They'd all been in the Olympic spotlight before, experiences that left them with medals but also the kind of scars — be they physical, psychological or both — that heal but never really go away.

And here they were in Paris, the leaders of a star-laden U.S. team everyone expected to finish atop the medal stand, and something wasn't right.

In a different time, in a different era, it might have festered. Might have followed them onto the floor at Bercy Arena and into the history books, too.

This is not a different time. This is not a different era. This is now.

So the oldest team the U.S. has ever sent to the Olympics, including a trio that has spent their respective careers breaking barriers about what a female gymnast can and can't do, what they can and can't be, did something they never used to do.

They talked, with Biles — three years removed from a Tokyo Games that dragged the conversation around mental health and sports kicking and screaming into the light — right in the middle of it.

"I think there was a little bit of struggle," she said. "So it was really needed."

By the time they walked onto the floor for the Olympic final, the tension was gone, largely replaced with joy.

And not soon after, gold.

The self-described "Redemption Tour," the moniker given to a team filled with women who wanted to return to the Games for deeply personal reasons, ended with Biles and the Americans where they have almost always been since she burst onto the scene 11 years ago: on top of the podium, the rest of the world looking up.

Eight years after winning gold in Rio with a team that called Aly Raisman grandma because she was all of 22, Biles — now 27 and married — was back again with Jade Carey (24), Chiles (23), Lee (21) and teenager Hezly



Charlie Riedel/Associated Press

Team USA (from left) Jade Carey, Suni Lee, Simone Biles, Jordan Chiles and Hezly Rivera celebrate after winning the gold medal during the women's artistic gymnastics team finals round at Bercy Arena at the 2024 Summer Olympics on Tuesday in Paris, France.

Rivera at her side.

With Biles at her show-stopping best, the Americans' total of 171.296 was well clear of Italy and Brazil and the exclamation point of a year-long run in which Biles has cemented her legacy as the greatest ever in her sport, and among the best in the history of the Olympics.

"She's the greatest of all greats," said Chiles, who now has gold to go with the team silver she, Lee and Biles earned in Tokyo, when Biles removed herself from the team final to protect herself.

Chiles, who seemed like a longshot to make it this spring after injuries piled up, was pretty good in her own right. She began the night by drilling her double-twisting Yurchenko vault, sending the Americans on a four-apparatus stop on their "Tour" that felt equal parts coronation and celebration.

By the time Biles, the left calf that bothered her during qualifying heavily taped, stepped onto the floor for the final event — a floor exer-

cise set to music by Taylor Swift and Beyonce — it was over.

She joked she knew she simply needed to stay on her feet to win. She did more than that, providing an exclamation point on the U.S.'s third gold in its last four trips to the Games.

The Americans remain peerless (if not flawless, this is gymnastics after all) when at their best.

And over two hours in front of a crowd that included everyone from tennis great Serena Williams to actor Natalie Portman, Biles left little doubt about anything.

Her status as the sport's greatest of all time. Her ability to move past the "twisties" that derailed her in Japan. Her spot in the pantheon of the U.S. Olympic movement.

She now has a staggering 38 medals in major international competitions. Eight of those have come under the Olympic rings, moving her past Shannon Miller for the most by an American gymnast.

U.S. tops South Sudan to reach quarters

BY TIM REYNOLDS
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

VILLENEUVE-D'ASCQ, France — In the rematch, the U.S. had an easier time with South Sudan than it did when the teams first met a couple of weeks ago.

Easier. Not easy.

The U.S. clinched a trip to the quarterfinals at the Paris Olympics by beating South Sudan 103-86 on Wednesday night — a game that wasn't ever really in doubt but was no romp either. Bam Adebayo scored 18 points and Kevin Durant had 14 for the Americans, who took control with a 25-4 run in the first half.

And led by Adebayo, the U.S. reserves scored 66 points. Anthony Edwards scored 13 and LeBron James added 12 for the U.S. Nuni Omot led South Sudan with 21 points, while Carlik Jones scored 18 and Bul Kuol added 16.

The win locked up a knockout-round berth and the No. 1 seed out of Group C for the U.S., which joined Canada, France and Germany in the quarterfinals. There are seven teams still alive for the other four quarterfinal spots; only Puerto Rico, which faces the Americans on Saturday, has been eliminated from contention to advance.

That said, Saturday's game — the first between Puerto Rico and the U.S. at the Olympics since an embarrassing 92-73 loss in Athens 20 years ago — isn't meaningless for the U.S. A 3-0 record in group play would give the Americans their best chance at a top-two seed for the knockout round and, in theory, an easier matchup in the quarterfinals.

"It's not the goal," U.S. forward Anthony Davis said of making the quarterfinals. "But there's a lot that we can get better at, a lot that we can clean up, and we'll use Saturday's game against Puerto Rico to tighten the screws again and then just see where it takes us from there."

South Sudan finishes group play against Serbia on Saturday, a game that has knockout-stage implications for both teams. The draw for the quarterfinals will be held Saturday night, and all four quarterfinal games will be played Tuesday in Paris.

"We knew this wasn't going to be an easy task," Jones said. "Our spirits are still positive."

South Sudan coach Royal Ivey likened his life to a movie after his team won its Olympic opener over Puerto Rico, and understandably so. The story of his team — from the youngest country in the world, a group that overcame absurd odds just to get to the Paris Games — is a quintessential Olympic one, one that will be talked about for years whether the African nation wins another game in France or not.

That said, if nearly beating the Americans in London on July 20 in an exhibition — the 101-100 game where James had to bail out the U.S. at the end — was a movie, then this was the sequel.

In the movie world, sequels often aren't as good as the originals. Such was the case Wednesday.

The first few minutes after the opening credits weren't bad — South Sudan led 7-6 and 10-8 — but the plot quickly got predictable. Durant made a 3-pointer with about a minute to go in the opening quarter for the first double-digit lead, Adebayo scored inside with 8:42 left in the half to cap what was a 25-4 run, the Americans had a 33-14 lead and there wasn't a ton of drama the rest of the way.

Ledecky dominates 1,500; Guatemala earns 1st gold

BY ANDREW DAMPF
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — Katie Ledecky gritted her teeth and flexed her left arm atop the lane rope.

There was plenty of splashing, too, by one of the most accomplished swimmers to ever dive into the pool.

Ledecky dominated the 1,500-meter freestyle at the Paris Games on Wednesday for her eighth Olympic gold medal and 12th medal overall.

And that might not even have been the most impressive performance on a big night in the pool.

France's Léon Marchand completed one of the most audacious doubles in swimming history by winning the 200 butterfly and the 200 breaststroke about two hours apart.

There was also a world record in the 100 freestyle as Pan Zhanle of China lowered his own mark.

TRIATHLON SUCCESS

An ambitious plan to clean up the long-polluted Seine River paid off when the swimming portions of the Paris Olympics triathlons were finally held in the waterway Wednesday.

After a couple of canceled swim practices and a day's delay because of the river's water quality, the women's and men's events finished in spectacular fashion — on the



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Katie Ledecky, of the United States, competes in the women's 1500-meter freestyle final at the 2024 Summer Olympics on Wednesday in Nanterre, France. Ledecky won gold setting a new Olympic record.

Pont Alexandre III bridge with the Eiffel Tower in the background.

"It's magical," said newly minted gold medalist Cassandre Beaugrand of France. "It's the best route we've had in a long time and I know all the other athletes feel the same."

Beaugrand navigated slippery roads that turned the cycling portion into a series of spills following an early morning rain.

The men's triathlon, which started less than an hour after the women finished, there was plenty of stifling heat and humidity to deal with as the sun came out in

full force. Alex Yee of Britain used a burst at the end to catch and pass Hayden Wilde of New Zealand to win the gold medal by six seconds.

GUATEMALA'S GOLD

A spinal injury ended Adriana Ruano's Olympic dream as a gymnast. She came back as a shooter and won Guatemala's first Olympic gold medal.

Ruano was training for the 2011 world championships in gymnastics, a qualifier for the London Olympics the following year, when she felt pain in her back.

U.S. men's soccer ends 24-year wait to reach quarters

BY JAMES ROBSON
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SAINT-ETIENNE, France — To chants of "U.S.A." America's men ended a 24-year wait to reach the quarterfinals of the Olympic soccer tournament by beating Guinea 3-0 on Tuesday.

Victory in Saint-Etienne saw the U.S. reach the knockout phase of the Games for the first time since Sydney 2000, and it will play Morocco in Paris on Friday.

"Right now I'm living this moment and we'll analyze what it means once we are done with it," U.S. coach Marko Mitrovic said.

Two goals from Kevin Paredes and a brilliant free kick from Djordje Mihailovic secured the victory that meant the U.S. advanced in second place behind Group A winner France, which beat New Zealand 3-0.

The Americans — playing in the Olympics for the first time since Beijing 2008 — responded impressively to their opening 3-0 loss to France by winning back-to-back games against New Zealand and Guinea.

Next up is a Morocco team that finished atop Group B and beat Argentina along the way.

"I watched actually the first game against Argentina," Mitrovic said. "I was in my room, our game was 9 p.m., theirs was 3 p.m. I actually think they are a very, very good team."

A win against Morocco would see the U.S. emulate its performance in Sydney when it reached the semifinals.

"We came here to be who we are and I think we did it again today and we just have to recover

and go to the next game," Mitrovic said.

Mihailovic, who hit the bar when the score was still goalless in the game against France, scored a curling free kick from the edge of the area to give the U.S. the lead in the 14th minute.

Paredes slotted in his first in the 31st and powered in another in the 75th.

FRANCE VS. ARGENTINA

It will be a repeat of the World Cup final when France meets Argentina in the quarterfinals in Bordeaux on Friday.

Argentina won that epic contest on penalties after a 3-3 draw in Qatar in 2022 and rivalries between the nations could be intensified by racist chants made by Argentina's players after they won the Copa America this month.

"I won't talk about it," France coach Thierry Henry said Tuesday. "We just qualified. We're going to play a game. My head is still into this game."

France maintained its 100% record at the tournament with victory over New Zealand in Marseille through goals from Jean-Philippe Mateta, Desire Doue and Arnaud Kalimuendo.

Thiago Almada scored a brilliant solo in Argentina's 2-0 win over Ukraine — securing back-to-back victories after the shock opening defeat to Morocco. Claudio Echeverri sealed the win, but it wasn't enough to advance atop Group B.

Morocco took top spot after beating Iraq 3-0 in Nice.

Morocco and Argentina were level on points and had identical goal difference and goals scored. It meant Morocco took first place by virtue of its 2-1 win over Argentina at the start of the tournament.

PALESTINIAN PROTEST

Play was briefly suspended during the second half in Nice after a man holding a Palestinian flag invaded the pitch. He was swiftly removed by police. Several dozen riot police were then deployed along the field to prevent further incidents.

At the Parc des Princes in Paris, where Israel played Japan, fans held a banner that read "Genocide Olympics."

EGYPT STUNS SPAIN

Ibrahim Adel scored a pair of goals and Egypt advanced atop its group by beating Spain 2-1.

Spain had already reached the knockout round and was vying for a first-place finish in Group C but was instead leapfrogged after defeat in Bordeaux.

Dominican Republic played to a 1-1 tie with Uzbekistan, which had already been eliminated.

Second place for Spain means it has a quarterfinals match against Japan, which maintained its 100% record in Group D when Mao Hosoya scored in stoppage time to beat Israel 1-0.

Egypt plays Paraguay, which finished runner-up in Group D after Marcelo Fernandez's goal secured a 1-0 win over Mali.



AP photo/Daniel Cole

Players from the United States celebrate after Sophia Smith scored their first goal during the women's Group B soccer match between USA and Germany at the Velodrome stadium during the 2024 Summer Olympics on Sunday in Marseille, France.

Smith helps reborn U.S. soccer attack at Olympics

BY ANNE M. PETERSON
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Sophia Smith is having a blast at the Olympics, and a lot of it has to do with the U.S. team's formidable front three.

Smith, along with Mallory Swanson and Trinity Rodman, are helping the United States reclaim its status as a team to be feared.

"I feel like we're clicking really well, really fast. And I think this is only like 70% of what we can do," Smith said. "I think the more games we get together, the more we're going to be playing off each other and and just learning each other's tendencies. But it's so much fun playing with them."

It's a marked contrast to last year's Women's World Cup, when Smith left the field in Melbourne in tears after the United States was sent home early by Sweden.

So far in France, Swanson has three goals and Smith has a pair, while Rodman contributed the team's first goal of the tournament.

Smith scored both of her goals in the team's 4-1 victory on Sunday over Germany that clinched the Americans a spot in the quarterfinals at their first major tournament under coach Emma Hayes.

The United States, the winningest women's soccer team at the Olympics with four gold medals, finished with the bronze in Tokyo.

Then came the World Cup disappointment, and the Americans' reputation slipped while other teams caught up. A loss to Mexico earlier this year in the CONCACAF Women's Gold Cup helped drop the team to No. 5 in the FIFA international rankings — the lowest rank for the U.S. ever.

The team was already in transition, awaiting the arrival of Hayes in May after she finished up the season with Chelsea. Hayes was hired to lead the United States back in November.

"You can see I'm not making any changes to the lineup because you have to build connections," Hayes said following the victory over Germany, ranked No. 4 in the world. "I think that was my sixth game in charge maybe, so I'm still learning about them, let alone what they're learning about each other."

Smith, 23, has made 52 appearances with the national team since her debut in 2020, scoring 22 goals. Under Hayes, she's been playing a more central position.

"Emma's biggest goal for me is playing in this No. 9 position. I tend to shift away from the box, but it's about getting me to stay in the box and get those tap-in goals — the ones I tend to score," Smith said.

Hayes said it's clear that

Smith is thriving.

"She's my type of player," Hayes said. "She gives to the team and I think she's having to learn as a No. 9 — when to hold, when to stretch, when to play off of ten. So coaching her is so much fun because she absorbs it."

Back home, Smith is in her fifth season with the Portland Thorns in the National Women's Soccer League. She was the NWSL's most valuable player and the U.S. Soccer player of the year in 2022.

She and Swanson go way back, both having played for the same club in Colorado, and Rodman complements the pair. Together, they have six of the team's seven goals heading into Wednesday's group finale against Australia in Marseille on Wednesday.

In contrast, the team had just four goals in four games at the World Cup.

"I think we're all similar, but we're all different, in our own ways. Obviously Trin is is a flank player, she's out wide, she's going one-v-one. She's creative out there and she creates a lot of things for us," Smith said. "I think Mal and I are a little more central players, intertwining with each other and finding those spaces in and around the ball. So I feel like we all just we work well off each other in different ways."

Gauff loses 2 times in 1 day to end her Olympics run

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PARIS — Coco Gauff lost in women's doubles and mixed doubles at the Paris Olympics on Wednesday, ending her first Summer Games a day after her tearful exit in singles.

"At the end of the day, it's over," the 20-year-old American said. "I'll try to take the positive out of it and do better next time."

Gauff and her U.S. teammate, Jessica Pegula, were the top-seeded women's pair but were eliminated in the second round by the Czech duo of Karolina Muchova and Linda Noskova 2-6, 6-4, 10-5 in a match tiebreaker in the afternoon. Then, at night, Gauff and Taylor Fritz exited mixed doubles with a 7-6 (2), 3-6, 10-8 loss in another match tiebreaker to Gabby Dabrowski and Felix Auger-Aliassime of Canada.

In Olympic tennis, single-to-10, win-by-two match tiebreakers are used in place of a traditional third set for all doubles matches.

On Tuesday, Gauff was defeated by Donna Vekic of Croatia in straight sets in the third round of singles. Gauff, who was seeded second in that event, got into an argument with the chair umpire over an officiating decision near the finish of that match.

All in all, it was an abrupt close to the Olympics for someone who was a U.S. flag bearer during the opening ceremony on Friday and, just a few days ago, was talking about hoping to leave the City of Light with three medals. Instead, she ended up 0 for 3.

"Obviously," Gauff said, "I thought I had a good chance in all three events."

This was Gauff's debut at the Olympics; she made the U.S. tennis team for Tokyo at age 17 three years ago but was forced to drop out after testing positive for COVID-19 right before the

flight to Japan.

Gauff arrived in France this time as one of the biggest stars in her, or any, sport.

She won her first Grand Slam singles championship at the U.S. Open last September, and she collected her first major doubles title at the French Open in June — although not with Pegula, who was out injured, but with Katerina Siniakova of the Czech Republic.

Gauff also has reached a singles final at the French Open, losing the trophy to Iga Swiatek in 2022. That major tournament is played each year at Roland Garros, the same clay-court facility being used to host Paris Games tennis matches.

Muchova was the runner-up to Swiatek at the French Open last year and also made it to the semifinals at the U.S. Open before losing to Gauff in a match interrupted for 50 minutes by a climate protest.

Muchova returned to action in June after missing 10 months because of surgery on her right wrist.

Wednesday's match was delayed because of rain right before Noskova served for the second set with the Czechs ahead 5-4. When play resumed, they took that set, then dominated the tiebreaker.

"Honestly, sometimes 10-point tiebreakers are a little unlucky," Pegula said. "They played pretty much the perfect tiebreaker."

The 19-year-old Noskova closed out the victory with a volley winner.

Her biggest achievement to date came at the Australian Open in January, when she beat Swiatek in the third round. That made Noskova the first teenager to beat a No. 1-ranked woman at Melbourne Park since 1999.

"I was just standing there, letting her play," Muchova said with a laugh about her partner, "and that's how we won."

Rugby Sevens wins over Olympic crowds

Maher's U.S. women's team wants to build on bronze for L.A.

BY JOHN PYE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — Antoine Dupont enhanced his reputation as the world's premier rugby player when he kicked off the Paris Olympics with a gold medal for the host nation.

Portia Woodman-Wickliffe signed off on her illustrious sevens career with yet another title for New Zealand.

Ilona Maher made sure the world beyond the sport's traditional audience was watching, and helped the U.S. women's team win a bronze.

The 553,000 spectators who filled Stade de France to capacity across six days ensured it was quite the spectacle.

"We knew we represented rugby but also every sport," Dupont said of the pressure his rugby sevens squad felt to win gold on the first official day of competition. "When you walk into the Olympic village, you feel patriotic. We wanted to start the Games in the best way possible."

He was the little general, engineering France's win over two-time champion Fiji.

The men's rugby sevens tournament started two days before the Paris Games officially kicked off in an unconventional opening ceremony that used the Seine River and the city's famous landmarks as the venues and backdrops.

That made Stade de France accessible earlier than usual for a main Olympic stadium, and rugby jumped in — boots and all — with the full support of the French organizers.

ALLEZ LES BLEUS.

The French men, who hadn't won a title on the men's world sevens tour in almost two decades before Dupont took a sabbatical from the France's national XV in March to work with the sevens squad, are now world series and Olympic champions.

"The Olympics Sevens has truly been a coming-of-age moment for the sport," World Rugby chairman Bill Beaumont said after New Zealand retained the women's title with a victory over Canada to conclude the rugby program. "Rugby has reached more people in more nations that ever before, on and off the field."

FANFARE

There was little doubt that fervent French supporters would fill the national stadium to capacity — 69,000 for the matches of the Paris Games — in the hope of Dupont delivering the host nation's first gold.

That applied also to the French women's team, who won silver at Tokyo three years ago and were hoping to go one better at home.

But even when the French women bowed out of medal contention, the crowd returned the next day to see New Zealand retain the title and the U.S. upset Australia for bronze with Alex Sedrick's length-of-the-field try.

"It's an amazing audience. You've got your avid French fans who really know their rugby but there are loads of kids, families. The noise out there is different," Sally Horrox, World Rugby's director of women's rugby, said as the women's medal matches were about to start.

The men's and women's sevens tournaments each featured 12 squads and were each three days, with teams of seven playing two 15-minute games each day on a full-size rugby field.

It's fast-paced and the rotation of teams kept the crowds buzzing. The sevens format has been popular for decades in the Pacific islands, New Zealand, Australia, Britain, France and South Africa. It's been growing in popularity in North and South America since becoming an Olympic sport for the 2016 Games in Rio de Janeiro. And it's now catching on in places like mainland China, where the women's team had upset wins over Tokyo bronze medalist Fiji and Britain.

COMING TO AMERICA

Momentum for sevens is expected to continue leading into the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles.

"In Rio, it was really under the radar. Tokyo, we were behind closed doors. So this is the first opportunity it's had to shine," Horrox said. "So I think with Los Angeles, they will definitely put it again on that world stage and they'll do it in an American way, in an American style."

Women's Elite Rugby used the U.S. medal as a hook to announce that Boston, Chicago and Denver would be three of the first markets to host teams in the first professional women's rugby competition in the United States, starting next year.

The Psychology of Scams: Understanding How Fraudsters Manipulate Victims and How to Stay Safe



Layin' it on the line

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Recently a good friend of mine was targeted by a scammer, in the end he lost over \$10,000. The question is how this could happen, Dave is a smart educated person, how could he be taken advantage of so easily.

It was Scammer Science, here is more.

Scams are a pervasive issue in today's digital age, affecting millions of people worldwide. The success of these fraudulent schemes hinges not just on the methods used by scammers, but on their understanding of human psychology. By exploring the psychological tactics employed by fraudsters and how they manipulate their victims, we can better arm ourselves against such deceit and learn how to stay safe.

The Allure of Scams

At the heart of many scams lies the promise of something desirable: quick money, exclusive opportunities, or solutions to pressing problems. Fraudsters understand that people are often motivated by a mix of greed, fear, and need. For instance, lottery scams promise a life-changing windfall, while phishing emails exploit the fear of account theft or loss. By appealing to these fundamental human emotions, scammers create a sense of urgency and desire that can cloud judgment.

Exploiting Trust and Authority

Scammers often pose as trustworthy figures or institutions to gain their victims' confidence. They may impersonate banks, government agencies, or even friends and family members. This tactic, known as "social engineering," exploits the natural human tendency to trust perceived authority figures or familiar sources. When a person receives a message from what seems to be a legitimate source, they are more likely to follow instructions without thorough scrutiny.

Creating a Sense of Urgency

One of the most common psychological tactics used in scams is creating a sense of urgency. Fraudsters pressure their targets into making hasty decisions by imposing tight deadlines or warning of dire consequences if immediate action is not taken. This urgency is designed to bypass rational thinking and prevent victims from taking the time to verify the legitimacy of the request. Phrases like "Act now!" or "Your account will be closed in 24 hours!" are typical examples.

Manipulating Emotions

Scammers are adept at playing on emotions to elicit specific responses. They may use fear, guilt, or excitement to manipulate their victims. For instance, a scammer might send an email claiming that the recipient owes back taxes and will face legal action if they do not pay immediately, invoking fear and panic. Alternatively, romance scams exploit the need for companionship and affection, luring victims into emotional relationships that result in financial exploitation.

Building a Persona of Legitimacy

Successful scams often involve creating a convincing backstory and persona. Scammers invest time in developing elaborate narratives and professional-looking materials to support their deceit. Fake websites, doctored documents, and sophisticated email templates all contribute to a façade of legitimacy that can be difficult to distinguish from the real thing.

How to Stay Safe

Understanding these psychological tactics is the first step in protecting oneself from scams. Here are some practical measures to stay safe:

1. Be Skeptical: Always approach unsolicited messages or offers with caution. If something seems too good to be true, it probably is.

2. Verify Sources: Independently verify the identity of the person or organization contacting you. Use official channels to confirm the legitimacy of the communication.

3. Take Your Time: Don't rush into decisions, especially when pressured with urgency. Take the time to research and consider the request thoroughly.

4. Educate Yourself: Stay informed about common scam tactics and warning signs. Awareness is a powerful defense against fraud.

5. Protect Personal Information: Be cautious about sharing personal or financial information online or over the phone. Scammers can use this information to further their schemes.

6. Use Security Measures: Employ robust security measures like two-factor authentication, strong passwords, and regular updates to protect your accounts and personal data.

Scammers rely on a deep understanding of human psychology to manipulate their victims effectively. By exploiting trust, urgency, emotions, cognitive biases, and consistency, they craft convincing schemes that can deceive even the most cautious individuals. However, by recognizing these tactics and adopting protective measures, we can defend ourselves against fraud and ensure our financial and emotional well-being. Knowledge, vigilance, and a healthy dose of skepticism are our best allies in the fight against scams.

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Indianapolis Colts defensive end Dwight Freeney (93) reacts after a sack of Houston Texans quarterback Matt Schaub during the second quarter of an NFL football game in Indianapolis on Nov. 8, 2009.

Freeney defied odds during Pro Football Hall Of Fame career

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The conventional wisdom heading into the 2002 NFL draft was Dwight Freeney was too small to play defensive end or hold up against the run.

Critics also contended his trademark spin move would hit a wall against the league's bigger, stronger offensive linemen.

Former Colts general manager Bill Polian and former coach Tony Dungy saw something completely different on tape — a pre-eminent pass rusher who would be a perfect fit in Dungy's patented Tampa 2 defense.

Freeney didn't disappoint. He took full advantage of his speed, his innovative moves and used the motivation of proving those doubters wrong all the way to a 16-year Hall of Fame career. He will be presented by Colts owner Jim Irsay, who is expected to be in a wheelchair after being injured in a fall.

"We all believed Dwight had the ability to be a force in the league," Polian told The Associated Press. "The spin move was one Dwight executed perfectly and really perfected, so it was fine with us. But his base move was the bull rush, and he was so strong and fast he could run by most slow offensive tackles and guys who weren't as strong."

Polian, the Hall of Fame executive, simply followed the plan.

After creating the blueprint that produced four straight AFC titles in Buffalo, Polian spent his early years in Indianapolis putting together an offense around Peyton Manning. By the time Dungy arrived in 2002, he wanted defensive players who could wreak havoc on opponents and the speedy Freeney fit the bill perfectly.

Dungy concurred. So when draft analysts immediately branded the selection as the dreaded reach, the Colts shrugged it off.

Freeney did not. "I always had to bring my A-plus game," he said at his retirement ceremony. "The Jonathan Ogdens, the Drew Breeses, the Tom Bradys, those guys made me bring my A-plus game every time. It raised my competitive nature to places I never knew existed."

The Colts found out how special Freeney would be quickly.

Dungy moved the former Syracuse star into the starting lineup midway through his rookie season, thanks to his routine penchant for embarrassing offensive linemen, harassing quarterbacks, forcing turnovers and wrecking games.

By the end of that season, Freeney had 46 tackles and nine forced fumbles, both of which became career bests, and 13 sacks — one more than eventual AP Defensive Rookie of the Year Julius Peppers, whom Carolina took with the No. 2 overall draft pick that April. Peppers also will be inducted Saturday though Freeney is scheduled to speak first.

Over those next 10 sea-

sons, Freeney changed the game and Indy's image with the help of a virtual carbon copy pass rusher, Robert Mathis, who arrived in 2003.

That tag-team tandem quickly emerged as one of the NFL's most feared pass-rushing duos, making Freeney even more dangerous. Freeney won the league's sacks title in 2004 with 16. Two years later, Freeney and Mathis were the key components on Indy's Super Bowl-winning defense.

They didn't just challenge one another, they outmaneuvered opponents by learning one another's strengths and showing younger defensive teammates how to compete.

"He always wanted to race," former Colts linebacker and current assistant coach Cato June said, referring to Freeney. "He was super fast and wanted to be the best athlete on the field. So you have these battles and you have this young Robert Mathis, who's just as fast. Those are the first interactions you have and then when you see a guy just day in and day out become an un-blockable beast, it's like wow!"

Freeney's impact on the sport was boundless.

The move he developed almost as a lark in high school was suddenly mimicked everywhere — to the chagrin of traditional coaches who long complained it was not a proper technique.

In Indianapolis, all Freeney's teammates and coaches cared about was that it worked — even if Freeney wasn't playing the sport exactly by the book.

"I used to get called for traveling all day (in basketball), so I couldn't really do the basketball thing," he said. "So I got on the football field and the coach said 'Dwight, I don't care how you get there, just get there.' So I started using the spin move and kept going with it and it became a natural thing."

It changed Freeney's image forever.

He finished his 11-year career in Indianapolis with a franchise-record 107 1/2 sacks, a number only Mathis has surpassed, and embraced the simple celebration of a salute.

After the 2012 season, Freeney left the Colts and headed to San Diego for two seasons. He spent his final three NFL seasons bouncing from Arizona to Atlanta to Seattle and finally Detroit before retiring where it all began, Indianapolis, in April 2018.

The final tally: 350 tackles, 125 1/2 sacks, 47 forced fumbles, seven double-digit sack seasons, seven Pro Bowl appearances, three All-Pro selections and one Super Bowl ring.

Yet for Freeney and his teammates, it was never about the numbers or awards. All they ever wanted to do was to prove to the doubters the Colts could win their way.

"Dwight deserves everything he's getting," former receiver and current Colts assistant Reggie Wayne said of the first defensive teammate he's seen enter the Hall of Fame.

Cubs pound 17 hits in 13-4 rout of Reds

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Ian Happ launched a two-run homer and the Chicago Cubs banged out nine doubles among their 17 hits in routing the Cincinnati Reds 13-4 on Wednesday night to avoid a series sweep.

Seiya Suzuki, Patrick Wisdom and Pete Crow-Armstrong each had a two-run double. Nico Hoerner, Christian Bethancourt and Cody Bellinger also drove in runs for the Cubs, who set season highs for runs and hits. They struck early and never really let the Reds climb back into the game.

Chicago hammered one of Cincinnati's best pitchers, left-hander Nick Lodolo (8-4), who exited with two outs in the sixth

inning. He tied a career high by allowing eight runs and 11 hits in his worst outing of the season.

The Cubs hit nine doubles for the sixth time and first since Aug. 30, 2010. They finished one shy of the franchise record.

Reds manager David Bell shrugged off the rocky outing for the 26-year-old Lodolo, who has been a dependable member of Cincinnati's rotation but has struggled recently with a finger blister on his pitching hand.

"He's going to be all right," Bell said. "He did some things tonight that will help him get better. He got ahead but wasn't able to put guys away. We're not concerned about him. Obviously, it wasn't his best night. The

fastball velocity was there, throwing strikes and getting ahead."

Reds third baseman Santiago Espinal extended his hitting streak to 11 games with a fifth-inning single. He also doubled in the eighth and scored.

REDS 6, CUBS 3

Santiago Espinal extended his hit streak to 10 games with a two-run homer in the second inning and the Cincinnati Reds held on to beat the Chicago Cubs 6-3 on Tuesday night, winning a series between NL Central rivals trying to stay within striking distance of playoff contention.

TJ Friedl drove in two runs with a first-inning base hit, Tyler Stephenson also had an RBI as part of the three-run second inning, and Spencer Steer

Struggling Reds pitcher Montas surprised by trade to Brewers

BY STEVE MEGARGEE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILWAUKEE — New Milwaukee Brewers pitcher Frankie Montas never expected to get traded this week because he figured his recent struggles would keep any contenders from pursuing him.

Montas had allowed 16 runs over 16 innings in his last three starts with the Cincinnati Reds. The Brewers grabbed him anyway in hopes he could become a consistent innings-eater for a rotation that has struggled to go deep into games.

"It's always good when you see teams out there wanting you and believing in you," Montas said Wednesday after the Brewers officially activated him. "I'm definitely excited."

The Brewers made room for Montas on the roster Wednesday by optioning left-hander Tyler Jay to Triple-A Nashville. They had acquired him from Cincinnati at the deadline in exchange for right-hander Jakob Junis and outfielder Joey Wiemer.

This move sends Montas from a sub-.500 team to the first-place team in the NL Central. The 31-year-old right-hander is expected to make his Brewers debut Friday at Washington.

"He fits in really well with the type of player we were looking for," Brewers president of baseball operations Matt Arnold said. "Really good pedigree. Has pitched in the postseason, checks a lot of boxes for us."

The Brewers need some rotation depth as they chase their second straight division title.

Milwaukee's had an MLB-leading 16 different pitchers start games this season. The Brewers entered Wednesday with a league-low 507 2/3 innings from its starting pitchers.

The Brewers sought to stabilize that rotation by bringing in Montas and Aaron Civale, who was acquired from Tampa Bay on July 3. Civale has gone 0-1 with a 4.29 ERA in four starts for Milwaukee.

Montas, the Reds' Opening Day starter, has gone 4-8 with a 5.01 ERA and 78 strikeouts in 93 1/3 innings. He had signed a one-year, \$16 million contract with the Reds after pitching just one game last season for the New York Yankees while recovering from labrum surgery.

"My arm feels good," Montas said. "My body feels good. At the end of the day, I think that's what matters, right? If I feel good, I I can go out there and perform. I can go out there and do my best."

Montas had gone at least five innings nine times in a 10-start stretch from May 17 to July 10, but he acknowledged that "I'm not pitching the way I wanted to" lately.

Arnold believes a change of scenery could help.

"He's in front of I think a different defense here," Arnold said. "Different ballpark. Different environment. We really like his stuff, and frankly, the person. ... He's really excited to be a Brewer."

Montas knows the capabilities of his new team. He pitched against the Brewers twice this season and allowed eight runs — six earned — over 10 innings.

MLB trade deadline passes with biggest names, prospects staying put

BY NOAH TRISTER
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BALTIMORE — Tarik Skubal, Blake Snell and Garrett Crochet all stayed put.

Relatedly, so did baseball's most highly regarded prospects.

Whether it was stingy sellers or cautious buyers, the biggest potential trade targets weren't dealt before Tuesday's deadline. There were still plenty of moves, but they involved players with a bit less star power and prospects further down the food chain.

"Its hard to expect it to go any differently. You expand the playoffs, a whole host of things, and the deadline hasn't moved," Baltimore general manager Mike Elias said. "Maybe if they moved the deadline back 10 or 15 days or something like that, it could change things, but there's no talk of that happening yet. For the foreseeable future, you have more playoff teams, you have fewer teams that want to give up on the season."

The Tampa Bay Rays did trade All-Star infielder Isaac Paredes to the Chicago Cubs for third baseman Christopher Morel and a couple minor leaguers, but Luis Robert Jr. of the White Sox and Vladimir Guerrero Jr. of the Blue Jays didn't go anywhere, and although plenty of relievers switched teams, they did not include Oakland standout Mason Miller.

Instead, a lot of deals resembled what Detroit and the Los Angeles Dodg-

ers did. The Tigers trad-

ed right-hander Jack Flaherty — who is having a nice season this year after a couple of uneven ones — and received minor league catcher Thayron Liranzo and infielder Trey Sweeney from the Dodgers. Sweeney becomes Detroit's 24th-best prospect, according to MLB Pipeline. Liranzo is ranked fifth for the Tigers but hasn't played above Class A.

None of Baseball America's top 100 prospects

were traded.

The Rays and Miami Marlins both shed a lot of talent. That was no surprise in Miami's case, but Tampa Bay remains above .500 and not too far out of a playoff spot.

In addition to Paredes, the Rays dealt away Amed Rosario, Zach Eflin and Randy Arozarena. Given their track record, you'll probably be hearing about some of the prospects Tampa Bay received at some point down the road.

drove in another with a double in the eighth.

Tony Santillan got the start for the Reds because the scheduled starter, Frankie Montas, was traded to Milwaukee earlier in the day. Seven Reds pitchers combined to hold the Cubs to three runs and seven hits.

Nick Martinez (5-5) pitched four scoreless innings to get the win. Alexis Diaz pitched the ninth for his 21st save in 23 chances.

The 29-year-old Espinal had a four-hit game for the first time in his career and came within a triple of hitting for the cycle. Stephenson had three hits for the Reds.

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MEETING NOTIFICATION
PROPOSED CHANGE OF
ZONING MAP

An unfavorable recommendation by the Plan Commission of the City of Madison has been forwarded to the Common Council of the City of Madison to disapprove the request for the City of Madison Zoning Map to be modified so as to change the zoning of the following listed property from the current zoning classification of Low Density Residential (R-4) to Agriculture (AG).

Address:/ Parcel No.
3247 W DEPUTY PIKE RD
39-08-000-003.000-006
3201 + W DEPUTY PIKE RD
39-08-19-000-001.00-006
2601 + W DEPUTY PIKE RD
39-08-20-000-0040001-006
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39-08-19-000-009.000-006
3621 N 300 W
39-08-18-000-008.001-006
3000+ W CHICKEN RUN RD
39-08-19-000-008.002-006

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Address:/ Parcel No.
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39-08-18-000-003.000-006
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3621 N 300 W
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3621 + N 300 W
39-08-18-000-007.000-006
3750 W DEPUTY PIKE RD
39-08-18-000-010.000-006
3356 W DEPUTY PIKE ROAD
39-08-18-000-003.004-006

The proposal is included in the agenda of the City of Madison Common Council for Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250.

You are hereby advised that a copy of said proposal is on file for examination before the hearing in the Office of Planning, Preservation & Design, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250. Written objections to the proposal that are filed with the secretary of the commission before the hearing will be considered. Oral comments concerning the proposal will be heard at the Tuesday, August 20, 2024 City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Hunter Hall, 404 W Vaughn Drive, Madison, IN 47250. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Nicole M Schell, Director of Planning
Madison City Plan Commission

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The Notice to Taxpayers is available online at www.budgetnotices.in.gov or by calling (888) 739-9826.

Complete details of budget estimates by fund and/or department may be seen by visiting the office of this unit of government at 1140 N Thompson Road Madison, IN 47250.

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of **REPUBLICAN TOWNSHIP, Jefferson County**, Indiana that the proper officers of **Republican Township** will conduct a public hearing on the year 2025 budget. Following this meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of **Republican Township** not more than seven days after the hearing. The objection petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy to which taxpayers object. If a petition is filed, **Republican Township** shall adopt with the budget a finding concerning the objections in the petition and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the proper officers of **Republican Township** will meet to adopt the following budget:

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|-------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|
| Public Hearing Date | Monday, August 19, 2024 | Adoption Meeting Date | Monday, September 9, 2024 |
| Public Hearing Time | 6:00 PM | Adoption Meeting Time | 6:00 PM |
| Public Hearing Location | Kent Volunteer Fire Department 8250 W Kent Blankenship RD Madison, IN 47250 | Adoption Meeting Location | Kent Volunteer Fire Department 8250 W Kent Blankenship RD Madison, IN 47250 |

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| Estimated Civil Max Levy | \$30,850 |
| Est. Fire Max Levy | \$16,669 |
| Property Tax Cap Credit Estimate | \$2,400 |

| 1 Fund Name | 2 Budget Estimate | 3 Maximum Estimated Funds to be Raised (including appeals and levies exempt from maximum levy limitations) | 4 Excessive Levy Appeals | 5 Current Tax Levy | 6 Levy Percentage Difference (Column 3 / Column 5) |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------|--|
| 0061-RAINY DAY | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |
| 0101-GENERAL | \$27,920 | \$15,425 | \$0 | \$14,818 | 4.10% |
| 0840-TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE | \$14,700 | \$15,425 | \$0 | \$14,818 | 4.10% |
| 1111-TOWNSHIP FIRE AND E.M.S. | \$16,600 | \$16,669 | \$0 | \$15,979 | 4.32% |
| 1190-CUMULATIVE FIRE (Township) | \$17,500 | \$18,135 | \$0 | \$18,135 | 0.00% |
| Totals | \$76,720 | \$65,654 | \$0 | \$63,750 | |

NFL closer to replacing chain gang with tech

BY ROB MAADDI
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

The NFL is moving closer to replacing the chain gang with new technology to measure line to gain.

NFL executive Gary Brantley told The Associated Press the league will test Sony's Hawk-Eye technology during some preseason games. The system most likely wouldn't be ready for full implementation until next season, though it could happen sooner.

"We're in the installation phase for all of our stadiums, really getting them

calibrated and up to date," said Brantley, the NFL's senior vice president and chief information officer. "We're just really getting to a place where this system is as accurate as possible and really calibrating across our multiple stadiums. ... We're really just going through the installation of putting in the infrastructure and making sure these cameras are installed."

Sony, which was named the NFL's official technology partner on Wednesday, has

expanded its sports technology through Hawk-Eye Innovations to support officiating and the development of on-field and sideline technologies, including a new coach's sideline headset that will debut in 2025.

Its Hawk-Eye tracking services for line-to-gain measurement adds cameras to stadiums to track players, officials and the ball. The optimal tracking system notifies officials instantly if a first down was gained after

the ball is spotted by hand.

"We're reducing a significant amount of time, 40 seconds for each time of use that basically is making the game that much more impactful," said Neal Manowitz, Sony president and chief operations officer.

The NFL has long used two bright orange sticks and a chain to measure for first downs. That method would remain in a backup capacity.

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The Jefferson County Public Library Board of Trustees will meet on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 420 West Main Street, Madison, Indiana. At 3:30 p.m. there will be an executive session to discuss an employee evaluation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9). The regular meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Ohio Valley Opportunities' Board of Directors will be holding Low-Income Representation Elections during the week of **August 19, 2024**. This is a 3-year term and monthly meetings are held virtually or in Madison, Indiana. Individuals interested in representing the Low-Income Sector for Jefferson County must file a Declaration of Candidacy no later than **August 14, 2024** to be placed on the ballot. For more information or to place your name on the ballot, contact OVO at **(812) 265-5858**.

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Jefferson County, Indiana
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2407-EU-000042

NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
In the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that Kettig S. Coghill was on the 3rd day of July, 2024, appointed personal representative of the estate of Maria T. Coghill, deceased, who died on September 4, 2023. All persons who have claims against this estate whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana: July 3, 2024

TABATHA EBLEN
Clerk of the Circuit Court for Jefferson County

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Alcohol & Tobacco Commission
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Alcohol Beverage Board of Jefferson County, Indiana will hold a public hearing at 1:00 pm on August 12, 2024 at the Jefferson Co. Courthouse, 300 E Main, Commissioner's Room, in the city of Madison in said county, to investigate the propriety of holding an alcoholic beverage permit by the applicants listed herein to wit:
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MAC'S CONVENIENCE STORES LLC 224 E SECOND ST Madison IN D/B/A CIRCLE K 4702422
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Mi Viejo Vech LLC 2700 Michigan Rd Madison IN D/B/A Mi Viejo Mexican Restaurant

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Jefferson County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers of the County Council meet at 620 Green Road at the Troy D. Morgan Public Safety Center at 5:00 p.m. Date 8-13-2024 will consider the following for the current year:

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|-----------------------------------|
| Fund/ Additional |
| 1140- General Repairs \$65,692.36 |
| 1202- Corner Stone \$30,000.00 |
| 1000- Medical \$18,186.54 |
| 1000- Garage & Motors \$6934.21 |
| 1170- Flock \$9,397.26 |
| 1142 -Jail Maintenance \$1,472.00 |
| 1142- Cum Jail Misc \$644.32 |
| Total \$132,326.69 |

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance Department.
Heather Huff
Jefferson County Auditor

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STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO.
39C01-2407-EU-000047
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF EVERETT J. WILLIAMS, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on July 26, 2024, Joann Goodin was appointed personal representative of the estate of Everett J. Williams, deceased, who died on June 18, 2024. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 26th day of July 2024.
Tabatha Eblen
Clerk, Jefferson Circuit Court

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
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Kickoffs, other changes coming to NFL in 2024

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

The NFL will have a new look this year when it comes to kickoffs.

Owners voted this spring to overhaul the kickoff, hoping to revive a play that had little action last season after most kicks resulted in no returns while still prioritizing player safety.

Owners also approved other rule changes, including banning the use of the “swivel hip-drop” tackle that had led to several injuries and in an increase in the use of instant replay.

The new rules get their first chance to be used Thursday night in the exhibition opener between Houston and Chicago in the annual Hall of Fame game.

Here’s an explanation of some of the rules that will be in place this season.

HOW WILL KICKOFFS LOOK DIFFERENT?

Owners agreed to a one-year trial of a radical change on kickoffs with a new system that borrows heavily from what was used in the XFL spring league.

The changes were made in hopes of limiting the high-speed collisions that made kickoffs so dangerous while incentivizing more returns after a sharp rise in touchbacks in recent years.

Standard kicks will still begin from the 35 but everything else will look different.

The 10 kick coverage players will line up at the opposing 40, with five on each side of the field.

The return team will have at least nine blockers lined up in the “set up zone” between the 30- and 35-yard line with at least seven of those players touching the 35. Up to two returners will be allowed inside the 20.

Only the kicker and two returners will be allowed to move until the ball hits the ground or is touched by a returner inside the 20.

Any kick that reaches the end zone in the air can be returned, or the receiving team can opt for a touchback and possession at the 30. Any kick that reaches the end zone in the air and goes out of bounds or out of the end zone also will result in a touchback at the 30.

If a ball hits a returner or the ground before the end zone and goes into the end zone, a touchback will be at the 20 or the kick can be returned. Any kick received in the field of play must be returned.

If a kick goes out of bounds before the end zone, or hits the ground or is touched by the receiving team before reaching the landing zone, the return team gets the ball at the 40.

WHY DID THE NFL MAKE THE CHANGE?

Kickoff returns were becoming obsolete after a series of rule changes to make them safer over the past several seasons.

Last season led to a new low with just 21.8% of all kicks being returned as both kicking and receiving teams too often opted to avoid the risk of a possible return.

The return rate had a significant drop from 37.5% in 2022 and is down from 80% in 2010 before a series of rule changes on alignment, blocking techniques and the touchback eroded those numbers. The NFL estimates that more than half of all kickoffs will be returned this season.

The changes were put in place because kickoffs were the most dangerous plays with the high-speed collisions contributing to concussions.

The hope is the new rule will increase the number of returns without making it more dangerous as the new

return will be more similar to a regular running play than the old version.

WHAT’S THE BEST STRATEGY?

Special teams coaches are still figuring that part out.

With coverage players not able to move until the ball hits the ground or a returner in the landing zone, hang time is no longer a key factor in kicks. Kicks that hit the ground in the landing zone and get into the end zone will be ideal since those touchbacks only give the return team the ball at the 20.

But the danger will be if the ball hits the ground or is touched before reaching the 20, giving the return team the ball at the 40.

For returners, the play may look more like a traditional running play than the old kickoff return, leading to more running backs as returners to capitalize on their ability to find a hole better than speedy receivers and bigger-bodied blockers and coverage players now that running 50-plus yards downfield is no longer required.

WHAT ABOUT ONSIDE KICKS?

The new rules eliminate the possibility of surprise onside kicks like the one that famously turned the tide in Super Bowl 44 when New Orleans stole an extra possession by recovering an onside kick to open the second half against Indianapolis.

Trailing teams will have to declare their intention to attempt an onside kick in the fourth quarter and those will be conducted under the same rules that had previously been in place.

The surprise onside kick isn’t a common practice, with only one being attempted all last season when Denver had an unsuccessful attempt on the opening kick of the season against Las Vegas.

HIP-DROP TACKLES

The other big rule change was the ban on a dangerous type of tackle called the “swivel hip drop.”

NFL executive Jeff Miller said the tackle was used 230 times last season and resulted in 15 players missing time with injuries. It will now result in a 15-yard personal foul penalty if officials spot it on the field, or fines the following week.

A violation will occur if a defender “grabs the runner with both hands or wraps the runner with both arms and unweights himself by swiveling and dropping his hips and/or lower body, landing on and trapping the runner’s leg(s) at or below the knee.”

There were 212 unnecessary roughness calls last season in the regular season and playoffs so this could lead to a significant increase unless defenders curb their behavior.

OTHER CHANGES

Some of the other notable changes involved tweaks to the instant replay system. Teams now get a third challenge if one of their first two challenges is successful — instead of both — and a few more types of plays are subject to replay. There were less than a dozen games in the regular season and playoffs last season when a coach used both challenges and was successful on only one.

Replay can now determine whether a snap got off before the game clock expired, can advise officials on the field on certain elements of roughing the passer and intentional grounding and can overrule an incorrect call on the field that a passer was down or out of bounds before throwing a pass.

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| 15 WKPC | | 13 | | Ameri.. | Edition | PBS News (N) | | Comm.. | Week | American Masters | | | OneVo.. | BBCN.. |
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| A&E | | 28 | 36 | The First 48 | | The First 48 | | First (N) | | Cold Case (N) | | Tell (N) | | First48 |
| AMC | | 29 | 26 | (5:00) 16 Sixteen ... | | 16 The Breakfast Club ('85) | | 16 Fast Times at Ridgemont High | | | | | Movie | |
| COM | | 45 | 59 | Office | Office | Office | Office | Office | Office | Office | Office | Office | Office | SouthP.. |
| DISC | | 31 | 38 | Hoffman | | Hoffman | | Hoffman | | Hoffman "Search and Rescue" (N) | | | Catch | |
| DISN | | 25 | 29 | (5:25) 16 Big City ... | | Bunk'd | Bunk'd | 16 Zombies ('18) | | ZOM.. | ZOM.. | ZOM.. | ZOM.. | Bunk'd |
| ESPN | | 32 | 44 | SportCtr (N) | | Baseball | | Professional Fighters League | | | | | | SportC.. |
| FREE | | 18 | 40 | Family.. | Family.. | Family.. | Family.. | Family.. | Family.. | Family.. | Family.. | Family.. | Family.. | 700Club |
| FX | | 40 | 28 | 16 Toy Story 2 ('99) | | | | 16 Toy Story 3 ('10) | | | 16 Toy Story 4 ('19) | | | |
| HBO | | 201 | 17 | Movie | (4:40) 16 After Earth ('13) | (2:25) 16 The Visit ('15) | | | | | House Dg | | Hard | |
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| NEWSNTN | | 20 | 20 | The Hill (N) | | On Balance (N) | | Cuomo (N) | | Dan Abrams | | Banfield (N) | | Cuomo |
| PARMT | | 35 | 41 | TwoM.. | TwoM.. | TwoM.. | TwoM.. | 16 The Town ('10) Rebecca Hall, Ben Affleck. | | | | | | Movie |
| PARSHO | | 221 | 16 | (5:30) 16 Casino Royale ('06) | | | | 16 Pulp Fiction ('94) (P) | | | 16 Boogie Nights | | | |
| TMC | | 233 | 74 | (1:15) 16 The Boy ('16) | | | | 16 The Ring ('02) Naomi Watts. | | | 16 The Ring Two ('05) | | | |
| TNT | | 27 | 43 | Movie | (5:55) 16 Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith ('05) | | | | | | Rampage (N) | | Movie | |
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| 15 WKPC | 13 | | Antiqu.. | Antiqu.. | TimFa.. | RedGr.. | Kentuc.. | Ky.Afi.. | 16 Dirty Dancing ('87) | | | Austin | | |
| 19 WXIX | 10 | | Reds | | Baseball San Francisco Giants at Cincinnati | | Reds (N) | | FOX19 (N) | | I Can .. | | | |
| 32 WLKY | 5 | 5 | TBA | CBSN.. | Wheel | Jeopar.. | S.W.A.T. | | 48 Hours (N) | | 48 Hours (N) | | News | |
| 34 WBKI | 7 | 7 | FamFe.. | FamFe.. | JudgeJ.. | JudgeJ.. | Mom | Mom | USL Championship Soccer | | | Crime.. | | |
| 41 WDRB | 8 | 9 | The Rookie | | Baseball San Francisco Giants at Cincinnati | | | Reds (N) | | News (N) | | News | | |
| A&E | 28 | 36 | The First 48 | | The First 48 | | The First 48 | | The First 48 | | The First 48 | | First48 | |
| AMC | 29 | 26 | (5:00) 16 Outsiders | | 16 The Shawshank Redemption ('94) | | | | | 16 The Fugitive ('93) | | | | |
| COM | 45 | 59 | Office | Office | Office | Office | Office | Office | Office | Office | Office | Office | Office | |
| DISC | 31 | 38 | Expedition | | Expedition | | Expedition | | Expedition | | Expedition | | Shark.. | |
| DISN | 25 | 29 | Big City Primos | | Primos | Chibiv.. | 16 Dr. Seuss' Horton Hea... | | | Primos | Primos | Primos | Primos | |
| ESPN | 32 | 44 | (5:30) Men's Club | | | Soccer | | | 30 for 30 | | SportC.. | | | |
| FREE | 18 | 40 | (5:15) 16 Lilo & St... | | (1:15) 16 Lightyear ('22) Chris Evans. | | | | | (4:45) 16 Big Hero 6 ('14) | | | | |
| FX | 40 | 28 | (5:30) 16 Fast Five ('11) | | | | 16 Fast & Furious 6 ('13) Vin Diesel. | | | | | | Movie | |
| HBO | 201 | 17 | Movie | (2:25) 16 Faye ('24) | | | 16 Elizabeth Taylor: Lost ... | | | (4:45) House Dg | | 16 Elizabeth Ta... | | |
| MAX | 270 | 73 | (1:15) 16 Get Shorty ('95) | | | | 16 The Losers ('10) | | | (3:35) 16 Cedar Rapids | | Movie | | |
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| PARSHO | 221 | 16 | (5:55) 16 Allied ('16) Brad Pitt. | | | 16 Irena's Vow ('23) (P) | | | 16 Memory ('23) | | | | | |
| TMC | 233 | 74 | (5:30) 16 Forrester Gump ('94) | | | | 16 World War Z ('13) | | | 16 Shutter Island ('10) | | | | |
| TNT | 27 | 43 | (5:00) Collision | | 16 Star Wars: A New Hope ('77) | | | | 16 Star Wars: Empire Strikes Back | | | | | |
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| 11 WHAS | 11 | 4 | World.. | News | Fun Videos | | Fun Videos | | 16 Honey, I Shrunk the Kids | | News | | |
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| A&E | 28 | 36 | Storage | Storage | Storage | Storage | Biography (N) | | Biography (N) | | Biography "Goldberg" | | |
| AMC | 29 | 26 | 16 The Mummy Returns ('01) Brendan Fraser. | | | | | | Snowpiercer (N) | | (:05) Orphan (N) | Snowp.. | |
| COM | 45 | 59 | 16 We're the Millers ('13) | | | | | 16 Talladega Nights: Ballad of Ricky Bobby | | | | | SouthP.. |
| DISC | 31 | 38 | Naked "On the Chopping Block" | | | | Naked and Afraid (N) | | | | (:10) In the Eye | In the .. | |
| DISN | 25 | 29 | Big City | Big City | Big City | Big City | 16 Toy Story ('95) | | ZOM.. | ZOM.. | ZOM.. | ZOM.. | ZOM.. |
| ESPN | 32 | 44 | Countdown (N) Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs (N) | | | | SportsCenter (N) (Live) | | | | | | |
| FREE | 18 | 40 | (5:15) 16 Coco ('17) | | (4:45) 16 Jungle Cruise ('21) Dwayne Johnson. | | | | | | 16 Ready Player... | | |
| FX | 40 | 28 | (5:30) 16 Jumanji: Welcome to the J... | | 16 Jumanji: The Next Level ('19) | | | | | | | | 16 Jumanji: Nex... |
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| TNT | 27 | 43 | (5:15) 16 Star Wars: Empire Strikes ... | | | | 16 Star Wars: Return of the Jedi ('83) | | | | Movie | | |
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UK season tickets to see an increase next season

BY KEITH TAYLOR
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

For the first time in five years, season tickets for season ticket holders at Rupp Arena will see an increase.

Seats located in the lower bowl, chairbacks and select- ed bleacher areas in the upper arena will increase beginning next season.

According to the University

of Kentucky athletics depart- ment, 13% of season ticket holders won't see a rise in tick- et prices, while 64% will experi- ence a 5% increase. Seven% of the season-ticket holders will see prices rise 25% or more and 16% will see their tickets rise 12%.

“The passion that Big Blue Nation exhibits for Kentucky men's basketball is a huge part

of what makes our program special,” UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart said. “We have been reminded of how extraor- dinary our fans are throughout this offseason. We thank Big Blue Nation for their ongoing support of our program and look forward to seeing them back in Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center this season.”

Mark Pope is entering into

his first season as coach of the Wildcats and is looking for- ward to his first season on the sidelines.

“We are super thankful to our season-ticket holders and all our fans who make Rupp Arena the best home-court environ- ment in all of sports,” Pope said. “Our team is full of young men we all can be proud of, and we have spent the summer

working hard, coming togeth- er as a team and preparing to chase No. 9.”

The deadline for season tick- et renewals or requesting an upgrade is Aug. 29. People interested in becoming a sea- son ticket holder can enter a lottery-style random drawing for the opportunity.

Information is available at UKathletics.com/MBBTix.

Pinellas County OKs Rays’ bid for new baseball stadium

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
CLEARWATER, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Rays have the government backing they need to build a long- sought-after ballpark after the Pinellas County Com- missioners approved on Tuesday the west-central Florida county's share of the funding for the 30,000- seat stadium.

The county voted 5-2 to approve spending about \$312.5 million for its share of the ballpark costs from revenue generated by a bed tax that can only be spent on tourist-related and economic develop- ment expenses. The St. Petersburg City Council approved spending \$417.5 million for the stadium ear-

lier this month.

The \$1.3 billion ball- park will guarantee the team stays put for at least 30 years. It's part of a broader \$6.5 billion rede- velopment project that supporters say would transform an 86-acre tract in the city's downtown, with plans in the coming years for a Black history museum, affordable hous- ing, a hotel, green space, entertainment venues, and office and retail space. There's the promise of thousands of jobs as well.

“This is so much more than a baseball stadium. It is poised to become, if we do it right, a world-class tourist destination,” said Commissioner Janet Long.

“It's more than about the baseball stadium. It's a transformational, once-in-a- lifetime opportunity,”

The linchpin of the project is the planned roofed stadium, scheduled to open for the 2028 season. It caps years of uncertainty about the Rays' future, including possible moves across the bay to Tampa, or to Nash- ville, Tennessee, or even to split home games between St. Petersburg and Montre- al, an idea Major League Baseball rejected.

The rest of the project would mainly be funded by a partnership between the Rays and the Houston-based Hines global develop- ment company. It will take decades to complete.

The site, where the Rays' domed, tilted Trop- icana Field and its expan- sive parking lots now sit, was once a thriving Black community displaced by construction of the ball- park and an interstate highway. St. Petersburg Mayor Ken Welch says one of his priorities is to right some of those past wrongs in what is known as the Historic Gas Plant District.

The Rays typically draw among the lowest attendance in MLB, even though the team has made the playoffs five years in a row. This year, the Rays have a 54-52 record, placing them fourth in the American

League East division.

The ballpark plan is part of a wave of construction or renovation projects at sports venues across the country. Like the Rays pro- posal, all the projects come with millions of dollars in public funding that usually draws opposition.

A citizen group called No Home Run and other organizations opposed the deal, with the conserva- tive/libertarian Americans for Prosperity contending the track record for other publicly financed sports stadiums is not encourag- ing.

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